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I-Park Road May Honor Name Of Creighton Abrams

by Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Westmass Development Corporation suggested a while back to name all roadways at the 320-acre Agawam Regional Industrial Park after Agawam individuals with historic significance.

General Creighton W. Abrams Drive has been proposed as the name for the second roadway when it is completed. The name will be shortened to Abrams Drive, similar to the first roadway already named Bowles Road after the late Henry L. Bowles, founder of the former Bowles Airport.

In a January 16th letter from Kenneth C. Tichacek, senior vice-president of Westmass to Town Manager Katherine Pisano, he said, "Sometime ago, Westmass proposed to name all roadways at the Industrial Park after distinguished former residents of the town of Agawam. In doing so, we believe we honor not only those individuals, but the industrial park as well by its association with them."

Established Theme

The theme was established he added, "by creating Bowles Road as the principal drive through the industrial park." During a telephone conversation with Tichacek, he said that once the second roadway is completed and meets final approval, it will officially be named Abrams Drive. In checking through town road names and historical places, no where does the name of the former general appear, Tichacek said.

The naming of Abrams Drive will be a first in honoring the former Agawam resident. Future names such as Anne Sullivan have been considered and Tichacek said that he invites people from town to suggest additional historical names.

SEE GENERAL ABRAMS - Page 2...

Some Elbow Work...



EVEN GARY NARDI Jr., of 32 Alfred Street, Agawam, couldn't complain about raking leaves in the balmy temperatures in this area on Sunday, February 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

What A Day To Wash The Bikes...



ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, the mercury rose to an unbelievable 73 degrees by mid-day and residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills took full advantage with a bevy of outdoor activities. Here, youngsters Richard Brundige, 6, of 65 Homer Street, washes his bike, while sister Lauralee, 4, and friend Colleen Rego, 8, wash "The Big Wheel."

...Or Polish-Up Dad's Car



OVER AT 403 RIVER ROAD, Daniel, Donald, and Jonathon Hale found the Florida-like temperatures a perfect opportunity to wash and wax the family car on Sunday, February 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Councilor Seeks Start Of Mayor Movement

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Precinct 4 Councilor Paul Trimboli has asked Town Council to appoint a committee to explore various methods of bringing a mayor form of government before the electorate.

Trimboli said his objective is "to get all the information out in the open over how a mayor form of government may be achieved."

As a prelude to council or committee action, Trimboli has requested a legal opinion from Town Solicitor Lambert Ollari over various mechanics which might be used to place the mayoral form of government on the ballot.

Trimboli said he expects Ollari's opinion within the next two weeks.

Trimboli said he is seeking the information, "because there is little doubt in my mind that the vast majority of people in this town have had it with the manager form of government and are ready for a change."

Trimboli went on to refer to the manager form of government in Agawam as, "a 14-year experiment that has proven to be a flop."

"When you look at the turmoil in Agawam, and other towns in Massachusetts with manager forms of government, half of these towns' political activities seem to be centered around the form of government itself instead of addressing the problems that face the communities," Trimboli added.

Trimboli continued, "What is probably one of the worst aspects of this form of government we've come to see only too well is forcing the removal of a town manager by councilors rather than the voters."

"What would otherwise be determined in a regular election decided by the people, suddenly takes on the air of an impeachment when the governing body seeks to remove the executive head, no matter how good the reasons."

Trimboli concluded, "One of the best public services this council can deliver to our constituents is to tell the people how they may change our form of government and let the people take it from there."

Council action on appointing a committee to research alternatives for altering the form of government is scheduled for its first meeting in March.

Agawam Republicans To Meet For Breakfast March 2nd

A meeting of Republicans interested in "rebuilding the Republican party in Agawam" will be held Saturday morning, March 2nd, at 8:30 a.m. at DaVinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The speaker will be Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux. Republican and Independent voters are welcome.

Melconian Presents Alzheimer's Testimony

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), as vice chairwoman of the Elderly and Human Services Committee, presented testimony before the Massachusetts Special Committee to study the problem of Alzheimer's Disease, in support of legislation to help families cope with this crippling, debilitating disease as well as to provide quality care for its victims.

Disease Has Been Overlooked

Senator Melconian, in addressing the committee, which held a public hearing at Holyoke Community College on Friday, February 22nd, pointed out that the public health policy makers have, until recently, overlooked this disease on the federal, state and local levels.

Neither Medicare nor private health insurance programs pay for any of the "custodial" care its victims need, she related. Alzheimer's Disease is an incurable, degenerative brain disorder which afflicts approximately seven percent of the elderly in this country, and the evidence suggests that this statistic is increasing, making it the fourth leading cause of death among the aged, after heart disease, cancer and stroke, Senator Melconian added.

The Elderly and Human Services Committee created the special committee to examine the problems associated with Alzheimer's Disease, and to then report its findings to the Legislature within six weeks. The hearing in Holyoke was one of two hearings throughout the state by the special committee.

The state legislature is currently considering three specific proposals affecting Alzheimer's Disease: 1) House Bill 620, before the Elderly and Human Services Committee, which enables relatives to be compensated through the local home care corporation for homemaker or personal care services to victims of Alzheimer's Disease if that victim lives with the family; 2) Senate Bill 492, before the Taxation Committee, which allows for an income tax credit of \$600 for a family who cares for a victim of Alzheimer's Disease if the victim lives with the taxpayer, and if the taxpayer provides more than one half the support for the elderly relative, and has an income of less than or equal to ten thousand dollars; and;

3) Senate Bill 1043, before the Insurance Committee which Senator Melconian chairs, to provide for the inclusion of custodial or nursing home care costs for persons with Alzheimer's Disease in health insurance policies.

Departure From Current Public Policy

Senator Melconian noted that the insurance bill would be "a substantial departure from current public policy. Private insurance companies do not provide custodial care, and the cost for this kind of coverage may be prohibitive. I am waiting for health cost figures for this coverage before I take a position on this bill."

Please note that our deadline for news is Tuesday at noontime

GENERAL ABRAMS - From Page 1...

General Creighton Abrams

General Creighton Abrams grew up in the area of Pleasant Drive and North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. The late general was Chief of Staff of the United States Army and a veteran of three wars. There are still many residents in town that knew him. He lived and played in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam and went on to become the captain of the Agawam High School football team.

Among his hometown hobbies and activities, he was involved in 4-H, on the staff of the high school's newspaper, *Agawam Mirror*, a class officer, and Student Council member. In the town history book *Agawam Massachusetts* by town historian Edith LaFrancis, there is an interesting chapter on Abrams. Mrs. LaFrancis has written "how the hometown knew him" and there is a special section on his prestigious military career. Several photographs show the late general as a young boy with his dog; a group picture taken with his football team; and an army photo taken in 1964.

General Abrams died of cancer on September 4th, 1975, and would be 71 on September 15th if he were alive today.

Westmass

Westmass Area Development Corporation has been moving along in filling the huge Agawam Regional Industrial Park.

Agawam's I-Park is located in the center of town at the former Bowles Airport. Bowles Airport was one of Massachusetts' earliest airports established by Henry L. Bowles in 1928 and remained an airbase for private planes until 1982.

Top Quality Buildings

Impressive and attractive buildings now stand on the property and roadways are being completed. Westmass indicates that sites for seven firms have already been sold. Four of the buildings are completed or under construction, with construction scheduled to begin on the remaining three by early spring. Job opportunities will soar, according to Tichacek.

First residents of the new industrial park will be EBTEC Corporation's second Agawam building. They are a laser production manufacturer already located on Shoemaker Lane. MARTIN INDUSTRIES is a major robotics manufacture and is scheduled to complete their facility in the summer. OLYMPIC MANUFACTURING GROUP president, Agawam resident Arthur Jacobsen indicated that his firm will be moving in by March 1st.

Also, the AGAWAM BUSINESS AND EXECUTIVE PARK building is near completion. They will be providing leased space for a variety of manufacturing, office and showroom uses. COMMERCIAL SCALE COMPANY, INC., will begin construction this spring. They distribute precision measuring devices for commercial or industrial use. PRE-MAT/DFM/DFA manufactures high-precision machined products for major high-tech clients. They plan to construct a facility as soon as possible. NATIONAL AEROSPACE plans to relocate from its Ramah Circle home to the new I-Park and will be located on the proposed Abrams Drive.

When all seven projects are completed by this autumn, the I-Park will contain 321,000 square feet of building space and provide over 620 jobs. Annual tax revenue from the seven projects alone is expected to exceed \$228,000, Tichacek told us.

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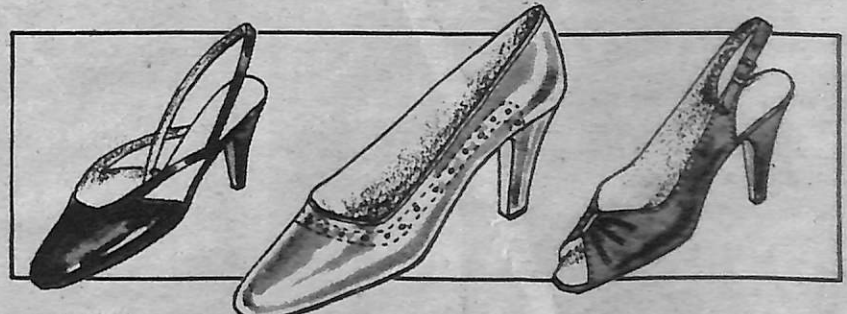
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Melconian Announces Elderly Hearing Slate

Boston: Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), newly-appointed vice-chairman of the Joint Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, today announced the 1985 hearing schedule for the committee.

The committee, chaired by Senator Jack Backman (D-Brookline) and Representative A. Joseph DeNucci (D-Newton), will hold a total of 19 hearings between February 21st and April 22nd, 1985.

Ten of these hearings will be public hearings at which Senator Melconian pointed out, "Citizens throughout the Commonwealth may speak in favor or in opposition to any proposed legislation on the agenda; it is also my hope that a greater number of Western Massachusetts residents will participate in voicing their positions on important issues before the committee."

Since these meetings will take place at the State House in Boston, Senator Melconian encourages her constituents who have an interest in the subject areas covered by the Elderly and Human Services Committee to contact her by letter or to call her district office at 786-6033.

"Approximately 40% of the annual state budget is consumed by issues that come under the jurisdiction of this committee," said the Senator. "The committee is far-reaching in its efforts to affect human service programs which relate to the elderly, handicapped, children, mentally ill and mentally retarded, and veterans of this state. The committee also considers juvenile programs, as well as drug and alcohol services and corrections rehabilitation."

Senator Melconian has submitted several petitions which have been referred to her committee.

Included in these are bills to: protect disabled persons from abuse and neglect, aid homeless persons, restore the annual cost of living increase for elderly, blind and disabled persons, establish a children's trust fund to provide funding for the prevention of child abuse, and a bill which would provide monuments on veterans' graves.

"I am pleased to serve on this committee, and as Senate vice chairman, I will be in a position to assure strong public policy input from Western Massachusetts in the deliberations of this committee over virtually all the human service programs and economic needs of our citizens. I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year on the committee," said Senator Melconian.

Sen. Melconian Lists Local Aid To Agawam

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) today announced the passage of a resolution in the Senate, providing the approximate amount of local aid to be distributed to Agawam for fiscal year 1986.

The senator indicated that the town of Agawam will receive \$6,748,566. This is an increase of \$1,292,120 over fiscal year 1985 as determined by a formula which looks at revenue sources and cost factors for each municipality.

Senator Melconian applauded Governor Michael Dukakis' action in sending this resolution to the legislature in a timely manner. "During my tenure in office, I have been a strong advocate of providing cities and towns with these figures as early as possible so that local officials can plan their own operating budgets in a reasonable amount of time," she said.

The senator stressed the importance of these figures which subsidize the town's resources for such services as school and school transportation costs, veterans' benefits, and public safety costs.

The senator continued, "cities and towns operate on the same fiscal year as the state does. It is imperative that communities know what their minimum local aid distribution will be as soon as possible in the beginning of a new year. Otherwise, municipalities are forced to make serious and detrimental cutbacks in necessary services that could adversely affect the public safety of the citizens in the communities. I believe that this resolution is a significant step in that direction."

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**State Treasurer Crane's
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week for details.*

Patch The Pony Week March 3rd-9th

The Agawam Police Department and the Agawam Public School System have declared March 3rd-9th, "Patch the Pony Week" in Agawam this year.

"Patch" combats the problem of children being lured or enticed by strangers through educating them never to talk to, accept anything from, or go with any person who is not known by their parents or teachers; they are strangers regardless of how often they are met.

The Agawam schools are participating in this program with grades kindergarten through third grade. Sergeant Alfred Longhi of the Agawam Police will go to each of the elementary schools. Each child will receive a bookmark with Patch's safety rules on it as a memento of Patch.

Longhi would like all the parents in town to reinforce at home how important it is not to talk to, accept gifts, or go with or take a ride in any vehicle with strangers and have them recite the safety rule, "Nay, Nay From Strangers, Stay Away."

To go along with Patch the Pony, a film will be shown to students in Grades 4-5 called "Who Do You Tell?" It teaches the children to say, "No," "run away from a stranger," and "tell someone."

Captain Charles Leonard House Continues Fund Drive

The Annual Benefit Fund Drive for the Captain Charles Leonard House has shown good response by individuals, civic organizations and merchants in Agawam.

"Friends of the Leonard House" have contributed over \$1,200 during the drive to defray the cost of kitchen renovations and exterior painting, set as goals for the year 1985 by the Board of Trustees.

Much more is needed to accomplish the scheduled work and the Board of Trustees is hopeful that all of

the funds required will be received before the end of March.

Checks should be written and mailed to: Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. All gifts to the Leonard House are tax deductible.

The names of all donors are inscribed in the House Record Book of Friends, displayed in the front entrance hallway. Donations of any amount are gladly welcomed.

Registry of Deeds

Total documents for week ending February 15th

REGISTRY		LAND REGISTRATION	
Deeds	206	Deeds	10
Mortgages	199	Mortgages	11
Discharges	221	Discharges	6
Foreclosures	3	Foreclosures	0
Attachments	16	Attachments	0
Miscellaneous	484	Miscellaneous	27
Total	1,129	Total	54

Submitted by: Donald E. Ashe

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Chamber Holds Govt./Private Sector Breakfast



THE REGENCY ROOM of Da Vinci's Restaurant in the Court House Racquetball and Health Fitness Club was the site for a breakfast meeting of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday morning, February 26th. Here, several chambers members, led by Deputy Fire Chief Doug Kerr (front) dig-in to the buffet served prior to the regular meeting. The theme of the meeting was the relationship between local government and the private sector. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.



NEW MEMBERS WERE ALSO HONORED by the Agawam Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday morning, February 26th. From left - Glenn R. Gabinelle, Ed Plante, EPCO Business Forms; Donna Marmo, James Marmo, Antoni Veilleux, and Pierrette Veilleux, James Antoni Fashions of Feeding Hills; and Carmella O'Leary, Partners Restaurant of Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GUEST SPEAKERS at the Tuesday morning, February 26th breakfast meeting of the Agawam Chamber were Robert J. Schwarz, president of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce (left), and Donald M. Rheault, president of the Agawam Town Council. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

When townsfolk want local news, they turn our pages each week!

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Monday, March 4th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 7th
Planning Board Meeting
Public Library
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, March 12th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High Cafeteria
7:00 P.M.

Monday, March 18th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
7:30 P.M.

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Editorial

Ray Charest: Quality Servant Returns To The Fold

After a five-year absence from town government, one of Agawam's true statesmen and civic servants has returned to the fold.

Last year, he accepted appointment to the Peirce School Study Committee. When that committee finished its business of reviewing and drafting a plan to convert the closed elementary school into a police station/town hall annex, he again was asked to serve Agawam. This time, it was on the Peirce School Renovation Committee.

Moreover, since January 1st, this gentleman has volunteered over 100 hours at the building, doing carpentry work as well as administering the conversion process with fellow committee members.

Raymond Charest of Hastings Street, Feeding Hills, who's list of civic and municipal accomplishments reaches back to 1941 when he first arrived in Agawam, could not stay away from public service.

When Mr. Charest left the Agawam Housing Authority in 1979, he believed he had given the town its due; the time had arrived to enjoy retirement and the fruits of his many years in the work force.

He retired as an official at American Bosch Company in 1980. His job had brought him to many cities throughout this country and in Europe through the years.

Once retired from both his job and from public life, Mr. Charest spent the better part of his time in Florida. But, he just couldn't get the town's blood from his veins.

His long list of community involvement over the years is truly impressive: Planning Board, 7 years (several as chairman); School Committee, 3 years (chairman); Board of Selectmen, 6 years, (chairman); Housing Authority, 7 years, (chairman); Charter Commission; Building Committees for James Clark and Robinson Park Elementary Schools;

Democratic Town Committee (chairman); Building Committee for the Agawam High School; Policy Study Committee; By-Law Committee; and a Town Meeting member.

Of course, this doesn't take into account the civic organizations he belonged to and volunteered his time to since coming settling in Agawam 44 years ago.

Our point in bringing forward Mr. Charest's many accomplishments in serving Agawam is to remind our readers that such individuals as Mr. Charest are the true lifeblood of Agawam.

He exemplifies what is good about this town and his presence back on the municipal scene brings a vast wealth of knowledge and experience into Agawam government.

Accordingly, the town will again benefit from his common sense approach and more importantly, the fact that Mr. Charest creates an atmosphere of cooperation and trust.

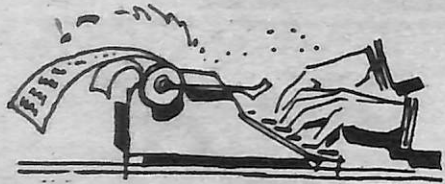
He responded to our inquiry about his return to town government in this manner: "After being involved for close to 35 years, I found that I simply loved it too much to stay away. Retirement still gives me plenty of time to do the things I enjoy. But I got itchy. My family is here and being in Florida for the better part of each year started to make me miss the town even more. I really love being part of this town and still enjoy being involved."

He added, "There were many battles fought over the years and I was part of them. But that's just the way it is in Agawam. Everything is fought in the open. We have a great town and if I can serve it in some capacity again, then I'll certainly do my best."

Thus, we are happy that Ray Charest is back. He is a quality individual who puts in quality time to town endeavors.

And as equally important - Ray Charest is not alone!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Sticking Up For Councilor

To The Editor:

I'm afraid that I must disagree with your editorial "Paleologopoulos Owes Apology."

Agawam may well be the "fastest growing community in Massachusetts," but that is because we're madly turning our vanishing farmland into new home and condominium sites. Businesses are opening in town not just because of this growing population, but because of our proximity to Springfield, Hartford, 91, 90 etc.

Mr. Paleologopoulos was not referring to townspeople, local businesses, church and/or secular organizations, our fire, police or D.P.W. Indeed, I believe Mr. Paleologopoulos was simply referring to "The Agawam Town Council."

Yes, we do have a bad public relations image. Every new news headline has people from other communities saying, "What are you folks up to now!?" Witness our most recent local flap. I mean really; grown men name calling. That's mature! How can anyone take us seriously?

No, Agawam is not all sugar and spice, but instead of wasting time, energy and money with the constant infighting, the Council owes it to the voters who elected them to act professionally and to do the job governing our expanding community in a manner that will make all residents proud to be from Agawam.

No, Mr. Paleologopoulos does not owe us an apology, rather the Council owes an apology to the people they are supposed to be representing.

Thank you,
Vicki Denton Alfano
333 School Street
Agawam

Disagrees With February 21st Editorial

To The Editor:

As I read and reread your editorial of February 21st, my Irish was fuming, bubbling and frothing. Wanted to rebut nastily. However, in remembering the years 1940-85, it slowly simmered.

In moving into Massachusetts from Connecticut as an independent voter, I sure was puzzled. Yet, attending town meetings, problems were resolved. It was difficult. I learned Agawam was a community by herself with her heritage and did not wish to change. I was an alien. Yet, she took me in.

We, her people worked hard for our accomplishments. Cannot overlook your statements:

1. "In our six years - amazed Agawam's Good Fortune, etc., etc., etc.
 2. We dare to find another community etc., etc., etc.
 3. Need a policeman? etc., etc., etc.
- I am not amused (your words) either - especially No. 3. - maybe it's much easier for you now; "Cause we paved the way?"

I am so very, very proud to say I live in Agawam, Massachusetts. Of course, my mother would not agree

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN COUNCIL AGAWAM, MASS.

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on March 18, 1985, at 8:00 p.m., at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass. on the application of New England School Supply Warren W. Luthgren for a license to keep, store for personal use or re-sale of petroleum products in underground tanks or above ground not to exceed 400 gal. rubber cement, 5,000 gal. Duplicating Fluid Methanol gallons at 609 Silver in the Town of Agawam, Mass. Richard M. Theroux, Town Clerk
Published: February 28th, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, March 18th, 1985, upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Co. dated February 13, 1985 for permission to: erect a line of poles with wires and fixtures in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 20th day of February, 1985.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8 - 10 a.m. tel. no. 733-9930.

PETITION NO. AG-1160

STREET Audubon Street
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk
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AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 7, 1985, at 7:30 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of VOSS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP to rezone approximately 9.61 acres of land from Business B to Residential A-3 located on the southerly side of Tennis Road, being further described as follows:

Beginning as a point on the Southerly side of Tennis Road said point marking the Northeasterly corner of property herein described and the Northwesterly corner of land of Double D Realty, Inc.; running thence S 31 40 11 E along land of Double D Realty, Inc. a distance of 150.58 ft. to a point; thence continuing along land of Double D Realty, Inc. and land of Cassidy S 7 16 54 E a distance of 606.14 ft. to a point at other land of Double D Realty, Inc.; thence turning and running along last named land S 52 34 08 W a distance of 147.38 ft. to a point; thence continuing along last named land S 63 12 26 W a distance of 177.18 ft. to a point; thence turning and continuing along land of Double D Realty, Inc. S 18 47 34 E a distance of 400 ft. to a point at other land of Brooks; thence turning and running along last named land N 75 25 03 W a distance of 319.28 ft. to a point and N 37 33 38 W a distance of 170 ft. to a point at other land of Double D Realty, Inc.; thence turning and running along last named land the following courses

N 52 26 22 E 125 ft.
N 64 41 34 E 100 ft.
N 23 52 33 W 300.05 ft.
N 39 09 58 W 350.75 ft.
N 83 02 35 E 208.51 ft.

and N 06 57 25 W 320.00 to a point on the Southerly side of Tennis Road; thence turning and running along the southerly side of Tennis Road N 83 02 35 a distance of 326.02 ft. to a point of curve; thence along a curve to the left having a radius of 325 ft. and as arc distance of 66.49 ft. to the point at the place of beginning.

Containing 9.61 Acres of land.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: February 28th, 1985

or appear. If she were living the phone would ring (as in 1940-1950-1960).

She said, "I see where Agawam made the headlines again." The Springfield daily paper issued at that time, Connecticut and Massachusetts news.

I chuckle! She abhorred politics unlike her dad, my Grandpa Moriarty. I understand her, as a relative was First Selectman for many years.

Well, Grandpa taught me the love of our country and the sacred privilege of voting and shaking his finger at me he would s"(h)"ay, "Stick up for what you believe is right."

So, I am "sticking up" for my councilor, Paul Paleologopoulos my representative for Precinct 5. I admire him and thank him for his independence in his beliefs.

And editor, I thank you also for the privilege in allowing the acceptance of this letter.

I love my Agawam!

Sincerely,
Rita Ryan
Leonard Street

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Families

United Methodist Church Conducts Religious Pageant, Supper



THE AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH on Mill Street, held its annual religious pageant on Sunday, February 24th. From left, youngsters participating were, Jean Collins, Sarah Newborough, Nathan Newborough, Alison Ritter, and Jessica Ritter (in crib). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PAULA TUDRYN & PHYLLIS VOGEL helped in the kitchen to prepare the delicious meal that was also a highlight of a family evening held at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Sunday, February 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Community Involvement Seeks Interested Persons Trading Post Schedules 20% Sale For March 6th

The "Community Involvement Project" seeks volunteers interested in helping people labeled mentally retarded learn more about friendship and the community they live in.

By donating a little time each week, a companion can enrich the life of someone who shares similar interests, needs, and life goals such as: attending church, joining a civic organization, going swimming, fishing, out to eat, or to the movies.

Project staff offer training, individual assistance, support, and appreciation.

The project serves people living in Westfield, West Springfield, Agawam, Feeding Hills, Southwick, and the hilltowns, and is affiliated with the Westfield Outreach Services Team and the Center for Human Development.

Persons interested in additional information are welcome to visit the office at 15 South Broad Street, Westfield (across from "Big Y"), or contact Wendy Long, volunteer coordinator, at 568-4773.

On Wednesday, March 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Trading Post will hold a "twenty percent off sale," to be held at the First Baptist Church, Agawam, corner of Main and Elm streets.

The sale features good-as-new clothes for the entire family as well as household items, games, paperbacks, baby items and many miscellaneous items and accessories. Every item is 20 percent off for this sale.

This is a great chance to pick up late winter bargains for the children or a pretty extra sweater or blouse to add to your wardrobe, at a great buy. Most of the winter items have already been cut in price, plus this extra 20 percent off for this sale means even a greater bargain.

Remember the date is March 6th. Tell your friends and come to the Trading Post to shop.

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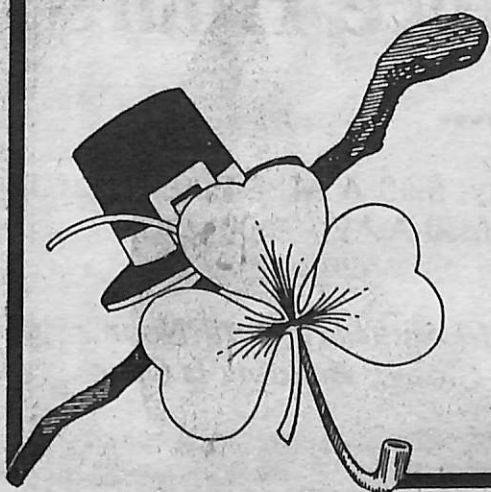
Feeding Hills Women's Club To Meet At Grange Hall

The regular monthly meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday evening, March 6th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Grange Hall on North West Street, Feeding Hills. Due to the storm cancellation of the February meeting, this meeting will feature the annual "fun nite" with Monte Carlo Whist.

Members are again reminded to bring items for the auction for the Friendship Fund.

Those planning to attend the Coachlight Dinner Theater presentation of *My Fair Lady* on April 3rd, should pay for tickets at the March meeting. The price is \$18.45 per person.

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March Calendar At Masonic Temple

March 4th, 7:30 p.m.: Regular communication - to transact such business as may regularly come before it. A homebaked bean dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

March 6th, 7:30 p.m.: Regular meeting, Mt. Elm Chapter of DeMolay.

March 10th, 8:00 a.m. to noon: Monthly Sunday breakfast.

March 11th, 7:30 p.m.: Fraternal visitation of the newly appointed District Deputy Grandmaster for the Springfield 33rd Masonic District, R.W. Edwin H. Carpenter. Also paying a visit to Elm Lodge will be Belcher Lodge of Chicopee who will assist in conferring an Apprentice Degree on one candidate.

March 18th, 7:30 p.m.: Special Communication - to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on two candidates.

March 20th, 7:30 p.m.: Regular meeting of Mt. Elm Chapter of DeMolay.

March 25th, 7:30 p.m.: Elm Lodge officers to attend the 5th Lodge of Instruction at the Masonic Temple on State Street in Springfield.

March 29th, 7:30 a.m.: Elm Lodge will be leaving for Montreal where they will be paying a Fraternal Visitation to St. Andrew's Lodge and confer a Master Mason Degree on one candidate on Saturday, March 30th, and returning home on Sunday, March 31st.

Troop 70 Parents Plan Dinner Dance

The parents of Troop 70 Boy Scouts of Feeding Hills are sponsoring a dinner dance to raise funds to help finance the scouts for summer camp.

The dinner dance is being held at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Feeding Hills on Saturday, March 16th. Donation is \$7.50 a person.

The evening will start with a social at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served between 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dancing to the music of "Forthcoming," is from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. "Forthcoming" plays a little bit of everything for everyone!

As this is very close to St. Patrick's Day, this dinner dance has taken on an Irish theme and a "little bit of Ireland" will be there in the form of some local Irish dancers.

This will be a fun night for all who come with good food, fine entertainment, great music, the company of good friends, relatives and neighbors, raffles and door prizes, thanks to the generosity of many local merchants.

For ticket information, call 786-4977, 786-5619, 786-5774 or 786-9335. Hope we see you there!

Michael A. Palazzi To Leave On Australian Trip

Michael A. Palazzi, a former Agawam resident, will travel to Australia as a U.S. representative of the Rotary International. He was selected to spend seven weeks touring and promoting goodwill and unity between the two nations.

Palazzi is being sponsored by the Wilbraham Rotary Club and was selected by the Rotary International. He will be a member of the Group Study Exchange, a person-to-person project begun in 1965. The Group Study Exchange includes a team of non-rotarians and a rotarian team leader.

Participants stay with Rotarian sponsors and their families who organized a seven-week itinerary of educational and cultural interests. The objective of the Rotary Foundation is the furthering of understanding and friendly relations among people of different nations.

Palazzi graduated from Agawam High School in 1975. He continued his education at Cape Cod Community College and Southeastern Massachusetts University where he received a bachelor of science degree in Marine Biology. Shortly afterward, he began working for Oakite Products, Inc., as a technical sales representative. He is presently living in Woodbury, Connecticut.

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CO-OWNER OF ACT II HAIR STYLES, located at 295 Springfield Street (O'Brien's Corner), Peggy Enderly. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mercy Warren DAR To Meet Tuesday, March 5th

Mercy Warren Chapter, DAR, will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, in the Guild Room of Faith Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m., preceded by team at 12:15 p.m.

Area high school winners of the "Good Citizen Award" will be honored at the meeting. These students have been selected by members of their senior class and faculty for possessing qualifications of **leadership**, which includes personality, self-control, ability to assume responsibility; **dependability**, which includes truthfulness, loyalty, punctuality; **service**, which includes cooperation, courtesy, consideration of others; and **patriotism**, which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation, to an outstanding degree.

The winner this year from Agawam High is Steven Oberle.

Susan Hooker, DAR National vice chairwoman of Magazine Advertising, will present a program on the Statue of Liberty. The Betsy Ross Club will be hostesses for the meeting.

ACT TWO Hair Styles Only Beauty Salon At O'Brien's Corner

by Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

ACT TWO HAIR STYLES opened in mid-November at 295 Springfield Street in Agawam at O'Brien's Corner.

The salon is jointly owned by Peggy Enderly of Agawam and George Kenney of Chicopee.

Agawam Resident

Mrs. Enderly has lived in Agawam since 1968. She is a veteran hairdresser and graduated from the former Doerr Academy in Springfield.

During an interview, the hairdresser of 25 years said that she sold her beauty shops in 1980 and was semi-retired for a time. She decided to "go back to work" and plans were made to open her new shop in Agawam.

She is also in the real estate business and works for the West Springfield office of Richard Thomas Realty. She has been in real estate for about a year and distributes her time between the hairdressing business and realty business.

Owned Several Shops

Mrs. Enderly is former owner of Pert and Pretty and New Image beauty parlors located in the "Merrick" section of West Springfield. She also owned Esta's in Holyoke at one time. She lives on Suffield Street and when she has time, she enjoys traveling. Her daughter is Cynthia (Enderly) Desautels and she is a supervisor at Holyoke Hospital.

Act Two Staff

A good reason Mrs. Enderly is able to divide her time between the real estate business and the beauty parlor is her efficient staff. Four ladies besides Mrs. Enderly are hairdressers here. Two from Agawam are Kathy Bercier Marble and Debbie Buzzee. Also working are Virginia Fredette of West Springfield and Yvette Charbonneau of Ludlow. Mrs. Enderly speaks highly of all four women and stated that they are top-notch hairdressers.

Act Two

Peggy Enderly brings many years of hairdressing experience to the new Agawam beauty parlor.

She said, "We offer biolife, Zotos, and Red-Kens' three main lines of perms." She explained that the shop is a family salon offering full service. Along with women clientele, children and men are also welcome.

Future plans include running a special on Mondays for men's styles. Good discounts for seniors are offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays here. Although it is customary to schedule appointments, the shop still welcomes walk-ins.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In Part II of a two-part series, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry further expound upon the declining status of agriculture in both Agawam and in the area.

The Decline of Agawam's Agriculture

Agawam, The Parent Of Valley Agriculture

Since the years prior to the coming of the Europeans into the Connecticut Valley, the local Indians made proper use of the fertile lands on the west side of the "Great River," now known as the Meadows.

These Agawam natives realized the importance of this land that was annually endowed by Nature's gift of rich deposits of earth following the spring floods. And to that extent the Agawam employed the fertile meadows as the means for providing food throughout the year. Hundreds of years before the coming of the white man, the Agawam Indian had planted, cultivated and harvested his crops in the fertile soil of the lowland, and in so doing he came to realize his closeness to Nature.

There may be some credence to the theory that these early Indians of the Valley, upon hearing of the Puritan settlement in the Boston area, might have encouraged further westward settlement by our forefathers with the hope that the white man would offer security against the marauding raids by the Mohawks to the west.

Whatever the reason for European settlement in the valley of the Great River, the natives were in time to realize their ultimate demise at the hands of the more civilized white man from across the "Great Water."

With the coming of the first settlers into this region, the local natives advised against residence on the western banks of the river, suggesting that these lands were annually flooded and a poor risk for home development. The recent flooding along River Road might easily suggest foresightedness of our local Indians!

Yet again, there is always the possibility that the aborigine soon realized that a distance be kept between their culture and that of the newly arrived white man, via the Great River.

Whatever the case, the Indians were soon to appreciate the fact that the hogs and cattle of the white man would easily destroy their crops, if not confined.

Accordingly, it is not surprising that our forefathers did indeed eventually settle on the eastern bank of the Connecticut River, while planting their crops on the western side, almost parallel to their home lots in Springfield.

From the very beginning, however, it seemed destined that Agawam and Feeding Hills were to be an adjunct to the eventual growth of Springfield.

At first, the Agawam Plantation, changed to Springfield Plantation, in honor of William Pynchon's home in England, was to continue as a farming community during the early years of development. And it remained so until the 1930's!

Primarily an agricultural area, Agawam, with the village of Feeding Hills, was to suffer the effects of the Great Depression of 1929, at which time some local farmers were to lose their farms. And from this point onward our town and village were to fast develop into what now may be considered a suburb of the city, relinquishing its former claim of occupation to that of industry, commerce and development.

With agriculture the backbone of our community it is not surprising that the necessary grist mills were soon to follow. Beside the local mills that would grind corn into meal, the local cider mills were to flourish as evidence of the fruit tree industry.

By the year 1810 these mills were extended to include the first cotton mill in this part of Massachusetts, and by 1812 the Agawam Woolen Mill was established, employing the wool gathered by local farmers. Thus, did local industry commence and expand at the hand of our community farmers.



Agawam's Farmland On Rapid Decrease

The exploitation of our farmland can readily be realized in the following excerpt from the *Farm Survey*: Between 1952 and 1972, urban land uses in the county (Hampden) doubled in area. The acreage of residential land in Hampden County more than doubled, although population increased by only 25 percent.

"Agricultural and open land in the county decreased from 20.5 percent in 1952 to 12.7 percent in 1972, a decrease of 38 percent in the same approximate twenty year period."

Also, "Between 1962 and 1974, approximately 2,200 acres of farmland in Agawam were developed to accommodate the town's increased population (Agawam Master Plan, p. 161).

"In that time, residential land use in Agawam increased 65 percent, from 1,850 acres to 3,056 acres. Residential land use also increased from 12 percent of the town's total land area in 1962 to 20 percent in 1974. 2,200 acres of farmland were lost to residential development since 1962, and more than 76 percent of that land was lost to residential development between 1962 and 1974.

"Agricultural land use also decreased from 18.5 percent of the total land area in Agawam in 1962 (compared to 12 percent residential land use), to only 4 percent in 1974 (compared to 20 percent residential land use)."

No one can deny the prophetic wording within the *Farm Survey*: "Agawam residents must quickly and decisively determine whether their remaining farmland is important enough aesthetically, culturally, environmentally and historically, to take action to prevent its further loss to developers for residential development, or to let it go, and with it, all that it once meant to this community."

vent its further loss to developers for residential development, or to let it go, and with it, all that it once meant to this community.

Perhaps it is too late, since in 1975 it was estimated of 682 acres of classified farmland in Agawam, 420 acres were "actively farmed."

When one considers that our "wetlands and floodplain account for 52 percent of all vacant land" it is small wonder that what farmland does remain might easily be viewed with an envious eye for future development.

Yet, even now there are those who might have cautioned against development on land that afterwards proved most questionable. One need only to ask the homeowner who suddenly realizes a cellar full of water during certain periods of the season to appreciate that a better place might have been chosen for construction.

Again, the Farm Survey of 1979 states: "There were in 1978 at least 27 family farmers remaining in Agawam, 21 full-time and six part-time...only 420 acres were estimated as actively farmed by the Agawam Natural Resources Technical Team in 1975."



According to these statistics, it is not difficult to appraise our present situation in terms of agricultural decrease within the limits of our town. For over 300 years Agawam and Feeding Hills prospered in an agrarian way, yet for those years the former residents survived and were identified with a culture based on a closeness with Nature; providing family food as well as sending surplus agricultural supplies for the residents of surrounding communities.

It would seem that the parent who fostered the eventual growth and prosperity of its offspring, (Springfield), has fallen victim to time and disregard. In this respect the parent has taken a back seat and accordingly lost its true identity within the shadow of modern progress and development.

Fallen Victim To Today's Progress?

Still, the inevitable question remains: To what extent has Agawam and Feeding Hills fallen victim to today's progress? The answer seems simple enough! With the gradual decline of farming, our town has become the very essence of suburban life and with this, the demise of agriculture in our community, residents throughout the municipal area must now rely more and more upon the importation of food supplies from throughout the state of Massachusetts.

In this respect we have become dependent upon these farm states of the south and west which even now are suffering the same fate of agricultural decline as our community.

And in this refrain we are carelessly and thoughtlessly proceeding with our individual ways as if there was no reason to be concerned with the need for the food supply that must provide for an ever increasing growth in world population.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, March 1st -

Saturday, March 2nd

All-Night Vigil

Nocturnal Adoration Society
Begins 9:00 a.m. on March 1st
St. John's Church - Main Street

Sunday, March 3rd

Macaroni & Meatball Supper
Agawam UNICO
Agawam High School
12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6th

Feeding Hills Women's Club Meeting
Grange Hall - North West Street
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24th

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To believe otherwise seems incongruent with the recent statistics that reveal a startling number of citizens in our nation who go to bed hungry every night of the year!

Of course, there are always those who maintain that with the advancement of science we are able to grow more and produce on less acreage due to modern scientific fertilization. Yet it seems that far too often we are advised against the careless employment of modern insecticides, pesticides, and chemical fertilizers, all of which are the integral components for modern farming techniques.

Today, modern man is investigating the probability of farming the bottom of our oceans as a means of a protein source for the generations to come. Still, we must bear in mind that the very streams and rivers that eventually flow into our oceans and seas are contaminated with man's wastes and chemicals!

Indeed, the very air we breathe is filled with pollutants. And there is little need to ponder upon what man has done to the very soil on which he lives. It is small wonder that we should investigate the far reaches of outer space with the thought that one day, perhaps in the not too distant future, earthlings will find a better place in this universe, free from the destructive forces of modern man's inability to survive on the planet Earth, despite his so-called advancements in science!

Modern Progress

Although there are those amongst us who would argue the cause of development in terms of modern progress, the inevitable question remains, to what extent? Once our farmland falls victim to the black topped surface of modern progress, there still remains the fact that Mother Nature shall make a final stand against those who would defile the very essence of life!

In his quest to prove himself, man must remember that he is but a single fragment of life on earth, and in so doing he should realize that he cannot continue to go beyond the realm of his personal existence at the expense of other forms of life.

Man is but one of many forms of life and in this he must be reminded that if he be the chosen form of his species, by way of the ability to rationalize, then it is up to him to preserve the continuum of life by living in harmony with his natural environment.

To a degree, the Indian knew this, only to fall victim to the onslaught of the European, who for the time seemed learned in the ways of civilization!

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Marilyn & Dick Curry's popular column appears on a regular basis in the AAN. They appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have.

Sunday, March 3, 1985

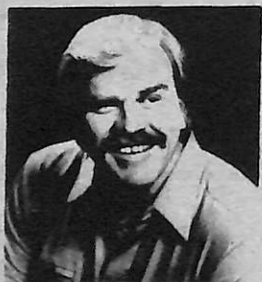
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Southworth Company Recognizes Retirees

LINO C. GATTI (second from left) and **JAMES J. ROLANDI** (next to Gatti in middle) both recently retired from Southworth Company of West Springfield. Gatti has 38 years service with the company. He started work on October 10th, 1946. He resides with his wife, Dolores, at 37 Oak Hill Avenue. They have four children, twin daughters Lisa and Lynn, and Dina; a son, Louis; and two grandchildren. Rolandi has 44 years of service with the company. He started work on April 7th, 1941. He resides with his wife, Elaine, on Front Street, West Springfield. They have two children, a son, James Jr.; and a daughter, Mrs. Donald Sprandel. They have three grandchildren. Pictured with the two retirees are Southworth officials John Southworth (president, left) and Earle Provost (chairman). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

UNICO Macaroni & Meatball Supper March 3

Agawam Uncio's 23rd Annual Macaroni and Meatball Dinner will be held Sunday, March 3rd, at the Agawam High School on Cooper Street, with continuous servings from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are priced at adults, \$3.50; children, \$2.00; and many be purchased from members and several businesses in town. Tickets will be sold at the door. Walk-ins are welcomed.

The menu will be macaroni, homemade meatballs and sauce, grated cheese, tossed salad, Italian bread, coffee, milk, and dessert.

Take-out orders will be available and UNICO will furnish containers.

Unican wives will have a bake sale. Don't go home empty handed as Unican wives are putting their best baked goods on the table.

The three chairmen of the event are Edward Borgatti, Charles Calabrese, and Frank Chriscola. Jenny Christopher and Jose Chriscola are making the sauce. They promise the sauce will be as good as homemade.

Also, 300 meatballs (UNICO formula) will be made Friday afternoon, March 1st, and Al Malone will supervise the salad cleaning on Saturday afternoon, March 2nd.

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Obituaries

Clifford W. Murray

Agawam: Clifford W. Murray, 75, of 37 Alfred Circle, retired 44-year employee of New York Central Railroad, died Wednesday, February 20th, in Baystate Medical Center, Wesson Unit. He retired in 1972. Born in Amherst, he lived in Agawam 27 years, was a member of the Springfield Chapter of American Guild of Organists and Framingham Community Choral Society. He was a member of Agawam Congregational Church and sang with its choir and the Mittineague Congregational Church Choir. A private funeral was Friday at Agawam Funeral Home with burial in North Amherst Cemetery.

Hubert T. Desjourdy

Agawam: Hubert T. Desjourdy, 81, of 32 Colonial Haven Drive, retired 25-year machine assembler for Kidder-Stacy Machine Co., died Tuesday, February 19th, at home. He retired in 1969. Born in Uxbridge, he lived in Agawam 25 years and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. His wife, the former Marion Lower, died in 1963. He leaves two stepsons, Ronald Yerrid of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and David Yerrid of Houston; four brothers, Theodore of Rochester, New Hampshire; Leon of Whitinsville, Edward of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Patrick of Uxbridge; three sisters, Sylvia Foley of Gloucester, Teresa Kane of Tucson, Arizona, Amelia Galas of Whitinsville and five grandchildren. The funeral was Friday at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Uxbridge.

Walter Forni

Agawam: Walter Forni, 85, of 63A Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, retired 35-year plasterer for Bricklayers Union, No. 1, died Thursday, February 21st, in Baystate Medical Center. He retired in 1965. Born in Bologna, Italy, he lived in Springfield 50 years and Feeding Hills five years. He was a 60-year member of Springfield Dante Club. He leaves his wife, the former Galilia Mancini; a son, Richard of Feeding Hills; daughter, Delfina Kaveney of West Springfield; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral was Monday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Leo M. DeForge

Agawam: Leo M. DeForge, 63, of 106 Channel Drive, school system custodian, died Wednesday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. A lifelong resident of Agawam, he was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II, and communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He leaves his wife, the former Barbara A. Edwards; a daughter, Pamela D. Jones; three brothers, Philip J., Robert R., and John H.; two sisters, Alice Quick and Barbara DeForge, all of Agawam; and a granddaughter. The funeral was Saturday at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield or the Special Services Department, in care of Agawam Public Schools, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 01030.

Marie J. Marelli

Agawam: Marie Josphine (Riccardi) Marelli, 88, of 1342 Suffield Street, died Tuesday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in the Province of Pavia, Italy, she lived in Ludlow many years and in Agawam 20 years. Her husband, Lino Marelli, died in 1945. She leaves two sons, Felix of Ludlow and Joseph of Texas; three daughters, Aurelia Chouinard of Monson, Lillian Price of Springfield and Stella Cecchi of Agawam; three sisters, Victoria Camilleri of Florida, Mary Riccardi of Ludlow and Palmira Arcobello of Ludlow; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. The funeral was Friday at Agawam Funeral Home and in St. John the Evangelist Church with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Indian Orchard section of Springfield.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 7, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing, will be to hear the petition of Paul Basekis, for a Definitive Plan, on Marla Place. This 7.55 acres of land off Barry Street in the South West section of town will have a new street about 360 feet long with 5 new lots for single family homes.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: February 21st, 1985

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 18th, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for Autos Are Us, 382 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

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Happy 50th To Martels

Former Agawam residents of 35 years, EVELYN (CIZEK) and ALFRED MARTEL, now of 4007 Driftwood Drive, West Holiday, Florida, will be married 50 years on March 2nd.

A family celebration will be held in Holiday, Florida. Guests will include their children: BILL and JOAN MARTEL of Agawam, and MARILYN and JOSEPH GAGNON of Enfield, Connecticut, and JANET and PETER HIRST of Ocala, Florida; five of their eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Also attending will be HARNEY and JEAN MARTEL of Ocala, Florida; EMILY (CIZEK) WARD of Buffalo, New York; and EDWARD and CATHY MARTEL of Tampa, Florida.

Alfred and Evelyn are among the originators of the popular "Agawam Day" picnic held the first Wednesday in March each year at Howard Park in Tarpon Springs, Florida. This year it will be March 6th and about 125 "transplanted" Agawamites will attend.

Cards from old friends and neighbors would be appreciated on this very special day.

Belated birthday wishes to NICHOLAS E. SMITH who turned six on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12th.

A kids' party was held on Sunday, February 17th. Attending the party were cousins and friends of his. He is the son of BRUCE and JOEANN SMITH of Birch Park Circle, West Springfield. Grandparents are SAL and CARMELA MARZANO (Sal's Beauty and Ladies Fashions) of Cooper Street, Agawam, and TED and BEA SMITH of West Springfield.

Directing the party activities throughout the afternoon was four-year-old BRITTANY SMITH, younger sister of the birthday boy.

The first child of ANDREW & ROBERTA (VANOTTI) NIEMIEC of Bailey Street, Agawam, was born on November 8th, 1984.

REBECCA LYNNE weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents for the first time are MR. & MRS. RAYMOND VANOTTI of Sutton Place, Agawam. HENRY NIEMIEC of Valentine Street, Agawam, is Rebecca's other grandpa.

Also proud of their new great-granddaughter are MR. & MRS. JOSEPH NASCEMBENI of Manor Court, Springfield, and MRS. BARBARA NIEMIEC of Easthampton.

Congratulations.



JIM & MARY JENKS celebrated their big 25th in style, first with family, and then by themselves.

Saturday, February 9th, JIM and MARYANN JENKS had a "night on the town" to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

The evening started with a dinner at Page's Loft in Northampton. Accompanying them were their children; JIM, 23, who is sports editor with the Fayetteville Times in Fayetteville, North Carolina; DAVID, 20, a math major in his third year at the University of Massachusetts; and CINDY, a 9th grade student at the Agawam Junior High School.

After dinner they went to a one night performance of "Marcel Marceau" at the Theatre of Fine Arts located in Amherst at the University of Massachusetts.

On Saturday, February 16th, the Jenks left on a Caribbean cruise which took in several islands. They left San Juan, Puerto Rico, on midnight, February 17th, and sailed all day Sunday and docked Monday at the Dutch speaking island of Curacao.

On Tuesday they arrived at the Spanish speaking island of Caracas, Venezuela. The next stops on the cruise on Wednesday and Thursday were Guadeloupe, and St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. They arrived back in San Juan on Saturday morning and were on their way home at 8:00 p.m.

Maryann said, "Outside of getting slightly sea sick" they had a great time. One of the highlights of the cruise was the "Anniversary Mass" they held for all couples celebrating their anniversary. Jim and Maryann renewed their wedding vows which they first took in Springfield on February 6th, 1960, at the old Holy Name Church which was then located on Alderman Street (the new Holy Name Church is now located around the corner on Dickinson Street).

Jim, originally from Chico, California, was in the United States Air Force stationed at Westover Field. He has a twin brother who lives in San Gabriel, California. They reside on Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills.

Congratulations Jim and Maryann.

Belated birthday wishes are being sent to TERRI WISNIEWSKI of Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills, from the Friday Morning Bowling League.

January 15th was the birthday of RONNIE MOCCIO who turned 7. A belated birthday party was held on Thursday, February 21st, at the Show Biz Pizza Place in Springfield.

Eleven children, including his 4-year-old brother, NICHOLAS, helped Ronnie celebrate. He is the son of RON and TINA MOCCIO of Day Street, Feeding Hills.

A family get together to celebrate the 22nd birthday of CYNTHIA REGNIER of James Street, Feeding Hills, was held on Saturday, February 9th. Cynthia's birthday was February 11th.

Belated birthday wishes.

Birthday wishes also to SCOTT MASSOIA, who celebrated his 23rd birthday on Saturday, February 23rd.

Dave Kunasek Named "Agent Of The Month"

Dave Kunasek of 64 Day Street, Feeding Hills, has won top honors in the Prudential Insurance Company's West Springfield District, it was announced on Friday, by Joseph R. Buchonis, district manager.

Kunasek, a member of the West Springfield office, was named "agent of the month" for the month of January 1985. This award is based on professional accomplishments in the sale and service of life and health insurance and income retirement annuities (IRA).

In winning this prestigious honor, Kunasek competed against 39 sales representatives in the West Springfield district, which has offices in Great Barrington and West Springfield.

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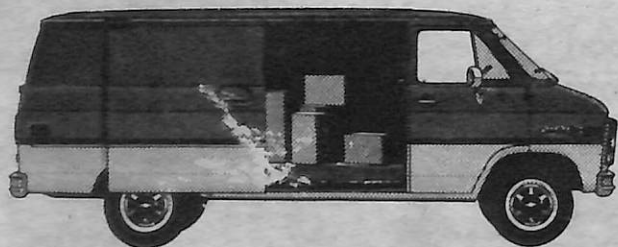
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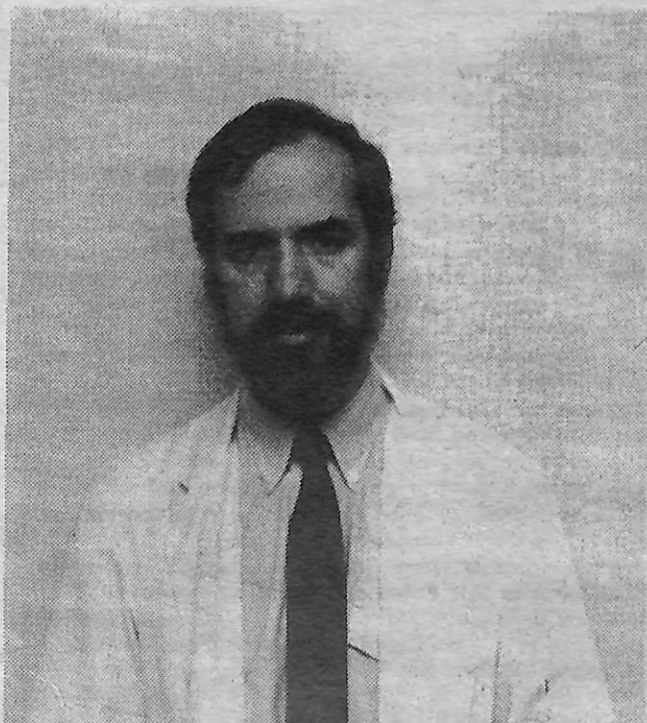
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DR. JOHN M. CUMMINGS

Dr. John Cummings Named By Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital president Scott B. Bullock has announced the appointment of Dr. John M. Cummings of Haydenville as medical director of the hospital's Emergency Room.

Dr. Cummings is board certified in emergency medicine and has seven years of emergency room experience.

His appointment coincides with the selection of four other physicians from Emergency Physicians, Inc., who along with Dr. Cummings, will be the primary providers of emergency medical care at the hospital.

The four other physicians are Dr. James D. Anderson of Ware, Dr. Gustavo Diaz of Springfield, Dr. Robert G. Haxby of Northampton, and Dr. Bruce Wilks of Amherst.

The new physician schedule, said Bullock, is the latest of several developments that are designed to better serve the needs of Emergency Room patients and their families.

"By reducing the number of Emergency Room physicians to the few we've selected," Bullock explained, "we're establishing greater continuity of care."

"And by spending more time here, the physicians are becoming familiar with our staff and facilities, which enables them to treat patients more quickly and efficiently," he said.

This phase of the hospital's Emergency Room program follows the establishment of nurse triage and volunteer liaison programs and a reduction in Emergency Room charges.

Under the nurse triage program, begun three months ago, a registered nurse provides immediate patient assessment. The program provides a system for establishing treatment priority, based on the seriousness of patients' conditions, and reduces the amount of time patients spend in the waiting area.

The volunteer liaison program provides a messenger service between Emergency Room patients and their families in the waiting area. The volunteers also escort the patients to various locations in the hospital.

Last fall, Noble Hospital reduced the minimum Emergency Room charge by approximately 20 percent. The hospital also reduced by 75 percent the charge for patients who don't need the services of an Emergency Room physician.

The fifth phase of the Emergency Room program, said Bullock, will involve renovating the Emergency Room waiting area to make the facility more comfortable for patients and their families. The renovation is scheduled to begin sometime this spring.

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Marian Center Offers Lenten Evening Of Reflection

A Lenten Evening of Reflection for Men and Women will be held at the Marian Center in Holyoke on Tuesday, March 5th, with Rev. Jeddie P. Brooks, St. Mary's, Longmeadow, as guest speaker. The evening will open with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

A talk and the celebration of Mass will follow. Singles and couples are welcome. Reservations are necessary. Registration will be at 6:15 p.m. Contact the Marian Center at (413) 533-7171.

Listening and the Power of Speech will be the theme of Rev. John Walchurs, S.J., at a day-long retreat for men and women on Saturday, March 9th, at the Marian Center in Holyoke.

Father Walchurs is an internationally known lecturer, writer and retreat director. The day includes several talks, dinner, prayer, quiet time, and the celebration of Mass, extending from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Reservations are necessary. Call the Marian Center at (413) 533-7171.

John Felciano Participates In Fort Bragg Military Exercises

Army Spec. 4 John J. Felciano, son of Mary E. and Henry Felciano of 103 Valentine Street, Agawam, is a member of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, participating in the multinational peacekeeping force and observers (MFO) as the primary U.S. military contingent in the Sinai Peninsula.

The MFO, an independent agency responsible to the governments of Israel and Egypt, was established as a result of the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

The mission of the airborne unit is to operate checkpoints and observation posts, and conduct reconnaissance patrols along the Sinai Peninsula.

The peninsula is located on the southeast shores of the Mediterranean Sea and extends eastward from the Suez Canal to Israel, and southward from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.

Felciano, an avionic communications equipment repairer, is a 1981 graduate of West Springfield High School.

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Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society Holds Card Party



HOLDING A CABBAGE PATCH DOLL to be given away at the Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society's "Card Party" on Thursday, February 21st is Elizabeth Sheridan (center). At left is Nancy Doucette and at right is Helen Liptak. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THEIR CARD GAME at the "Card Party" sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church are, from left - Edith Gates, Hazel Gates, and Marjorie Boyden. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks - Acting Fire Chief

Teach Your Preschool Child To Save Himself From Fire!

In their sublime innocence and dependence upon their parents, children can charm us. But when that innocence dependent encounters the danger of fire, tragedy can result. Although a child of three may be too young to comprehend the real danger and significance of fire, he or she can learn important behaviors which can avert tragedy when fire strikes.

Fire-wise parents teach their pre-schoolers how to deal with clothing fires and fires in their home. Here's how it's done.

Keep it light and simple. Pre-schoolers have short attention spans; they learn by doing; and they respond far better to positive instructions than to negative commands. So it makes sense to teach your children two fire safety games: "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "Stay Low and Go."

Stop, Drop and Roll. That's how to protect yourself from clothing fires. If your clothes ignite, running only fans the flames; an upright posture speeds flame spread and allows fire to attack the face. A three year old won't understand all that. But he or she can acquire the "stop, drop and roll" behavior so thoroughly that it virtually becomes a reflex. Teach your child **how** and **when** to use the Stop, Drop and Roll technique.

Train with frequent, short sessions over a period of days. Explain to the child that the fire will hurt. Now demonstrate the technique. Stop, drop and roll on the ground.

Now have the child perform Stop, Drop and Roll along with you. Soon, you'll be able to say, "What do you do if your clothes catch fire?" at any time - and be rewarded by the sight of a fire-wise youngster rolling for his life.

Stay Low and Go. This is the way to escape from a burning home. The better air is near the floor. All the youngster needs to know is that when the smoke detector sounds (you do have one, don't you?), it's time to roll out of bed onto the floor, and then crawl outside to a pre-arranged spot like a tree or lamp post. Be sure to emphasize to crawl low and not to hide under beds or in closets. Again, demonstration, drill, and frequent short sessions are the key to success.

These training methods may not teach your three-year-old the **whys** of fire safety. But then, that's something you can share with your healthy fire-wise youngsters years later - even if fire strikes between now and then.

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Exciting positions, ranging from operating the famous "Cyclone" rollercoaster to learning how to make French croissants, are available for anyone 16 years or older, along with proof of identification. No experience is necessary.

Other available positions include games, merchan-

dising, security, parking attendants, cashiers/admissions and groundskeeping. It is a great way to take advantage of meeting new acquaintances while working at New England's largest amusement park.

Riverside Park will open April 6th for weekends, until Memorial Day, at which time the park will begin operating full-time, until Labor Day.

Applications will be accepted at the Riverside Park Personnel office, Monday through Friday, between 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



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KAREN A. DUGGAN

Miss Duggan of Feeding Hills Engaged To Mr. Murphy

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Duggan of Feeding Hills, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen A. Duggan, to John F. Murphy of Wilbraham.

Miss Duggan is a 1980 graduate of Agawam High School and attended Holyoke Community College. She is currently employed as store manager for Lerner Shops.

Mr. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Murphy of Wilbraham, is a 1979 graduate of Minnechaug High School and a 1984 graduate of Western New England College, with a B.S. in business management. He is presently employed by State Line Potato Chip Company, in management.

The couple has planned an April 1986 wedding.

Michelle Hebert Wins Regional Skating Contest

Michelle Hebert of Agawam captured first place in the D.E.M. Regional Competition held February 9th, hosted by the Little Sun Valley Skating Club and sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Michelle had a score of 98 out of a possible 120, placing her at the top of the field of nine competitors. She will now go on to the state finals to be held this year in New Bedford on March 10th.

Here, she will be competing against other regional winners in the 7-10 years-old category.

Good-luck Michelle.

Riverside Park Offers Companies Rate Discounts

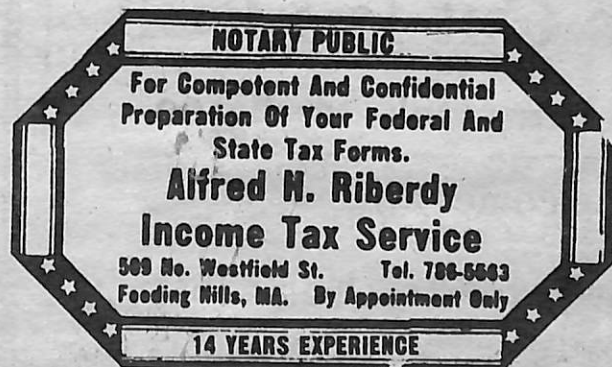
Riverside Park not only attracts hundreds of thousands of park guests in all of New England, but also attracts over 800 companies and organizations throughout the area as well.

Because of the growing interest from companies throughout the northeast, Riverside Park's group sales department has designed a discount program in which each company member will receive a discount on the total ticket price.

Riverside Park will provide all the materials, including company discount tickets, promotional posters, newsletters, fillers, and flyers. The company must simply promote the program.

There are numerous advantages to the "Corporate Discount Program." Company members are not required to visit Riverside as a group. The discount ticket also enables every company member to take advantage of all the rides, shows, and attractions all day at a discounted price.

Riverside Park, New England's largest amusement park, is certainly worth the trip!



Family Sunday Afternoons Continue Through March

"Sunday Afternoons For Families" will continue for the month of March at Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden.

These programs are offered every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., as a way of encouraging families to enjoy exploring the outdoors together. The following programs will be offered:

March 3rd: COLD-BLOODED CRITTERS: Do frogs really have cold blood? Are snakes slimy? Where do turtles go in winter? These questions and more will be answered.

March 10th: BIOSHELTER OPEN HOUSE: Laughing Brook's solar greenhouse is undergoing some alterations transforming it into a bioshelter. To find out what this means, let Laughing Brook staff introduce you to this exciting addition to the Sanctuary.

March 17th: SIGNS OF SPRING: The first day of spring is just around the corner. Fight off the winter doldrums in a search for the first harbingers of spring.

March 24th: PREDATORS: Though often maligned, this group of animals plays a vital ecological role. Spend an hour visiting our resident bobcats, coyotes, hawks, and owls to find out how they contribute to the smooth running of the animal world.

March 31st: TOOLS AND TASKS: Each animal, including humans, has special "tools" it uses to do the "tasks" needed for survival. Look at animal adaptations, such as the talons of the owl, the webbed feet of a duck, and the shell of the turtle.

Participants should dress for the weather. All sessions will include some time outdoors.

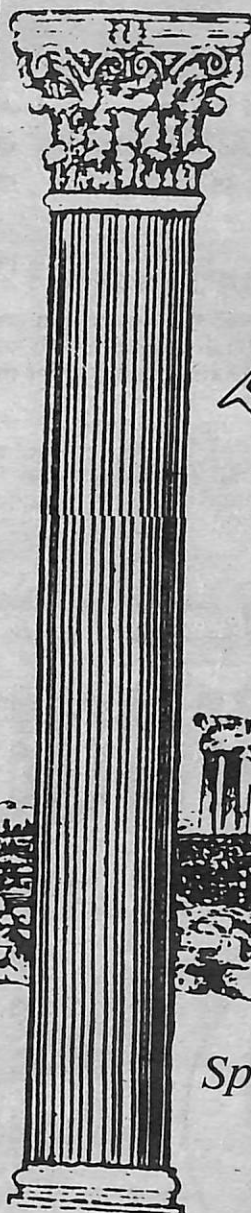
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Suffield Woman's Club Slates Annual Arts & Crafts Show

Suffield: The Suffield Woman's Club will present its annual Arts and Crafts Show and meeting, at the First Church of Christ, Congregational Church Hall on Tuesday, March 12th, at 11:00 a.m.

Members and guests are invited to view the arts and crafts from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be served at noon. Following the business meeting, Ivan MacDonald, lecturer, photographer, and world traveler, will present a program on "Americans in Paris."

Members are requested to bring their articles for exhibit to the church hall between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, on Monday, March 11th.

Co-chairwomen are Doris Lozier and Ardella Lucas. For more information call 668-0135.

Junior Women's Club Plans Spring Fashion Show

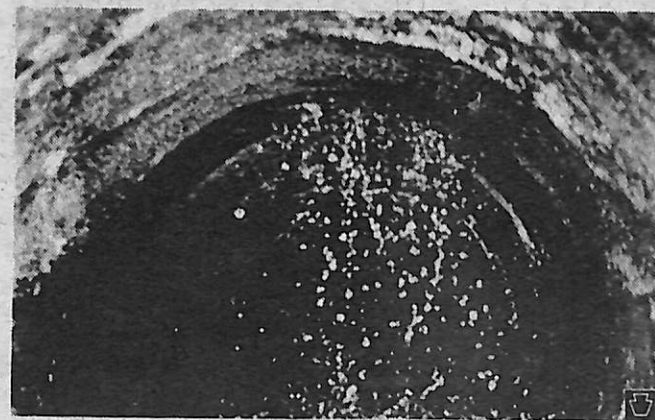
A "Spring Fashion Show" has been announced by the Agawam Junior Women's Club for Sunday, March 24th, at 11:00 a.m.

The fashion show will follow a brunch in the Toga Room at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Fashions will be from Thimbles and also from Petite Sophisticates of the Ingleside Mall. Models will again be members of the Junior Women's Club.

In addition to the brunch, door prizes and many raffle prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are available for \$10 and anyone wishing information or ticket reservations may contact chairwoman Betsy Sardella at 789-2005, or Marlene Harlin at 789-1443.

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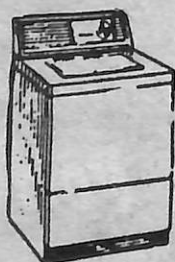
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| 1½ cups beef bouillon or broth | 2 medium white turnips, peeled, cut in 1-inch cubes |
| 1 can (8 oz.) tomatoes, undrained | 3 tablespoons Argo corn starch |
| ½ teaspoon salt | ¼ cup water |
| ½ teaspoon pepper | |

In dutch oven, heat corn oil over medium heat. Add roast; brown on all sides. Remove. Add onions; cook until lightly browned. Remove. Pour off excess fat. Add bouillon or broth, tomatoes, salt, pepper and bay leaf. Return roast to dutch oven. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 1½ hours or until roast is almost tender. Add potatoes, carrots, turnips and browned onions. Cover; cook 20 to 30 minutes or until roast is tender and vegetables are cooked as desired. Remove roast and vegetables to serving platter; keep warm. In small bowl stir together corn starch and water until smooth. Stir into liquid in dutch oven. Stirring constantly, bring to boil over medium heat and boil 1 minute. Serve with roast and vegetables. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Summer Camp Set By Parks Department

Director of Parks and Recreation Jack-Kunasek has announced that the summer day camp for Agawam youths only will open on Monday, July 1st and operate for seven weeks, closing on Friday, August 17th, at 12:00 noon.

Camp will operate Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each day, but will not open on Thursday, July 4th. All campers will bring their lunch, although there will be a Good Humor truck at the site during lunch break.

The day camp replaced the playground system two years ago and has been a complete success. The day-long program will again be based at Shea's Field and the nearby state maintained swimming pool.

The camp will offer a full slate of daily activities, including tennis instruction, arts and crafts, active and passive games, and instructional sports mini-camps. Field trips will be conducted to such places as Look Park, Mountain Park, etc.

Inclement weather days are built into the summer program. If at 8:00 a.m., we are receiving unchanging steady rain, there will be no camp for that total day. It will be announced on radio station WMAS by 8:15 a.m.

If during the day we receive summer showers, we will remain open; but if heavy rain continues, the children who take the bus will be bussed home without notice; others must be picked up. If still in doubt, call the recreation office. Rain days are not re-scheduled.

This program is not a built-in babysitting service. If an unforeseen problem arises, campers will be sent home immediately!

A limit of 200 campers per week, between the ages of 6 to 15 will be accepted. The seven-week program will cost \$75 with transportation and \$50 without. The three-week program will be \$50 with transportation and \$30 without. The two-week program will cost \$35 with transportation, \$20 without.

Busses will run along the main routes in town for those who wish transportation. Stops will be designated at a later date and printed in this local paper, the same as the school schedule.

Registration forms will be available in the Parks and Recreation Office beginning Monday, May 6th, to Friday, May 31st, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be a \$10 reduction for every child after the first registered per family. The registration fee is payable at registration and is non-refundable and non-transferable.

If your child is suspended from camp for disciplinary reasons, the registration fee is non-refundable. You will receive prior notice of a problem.

Watch this paper for additional information.

Agawam Fire Dept. Suggests Use Of Fire Extinguishers

If, despite your best efforts at prevention, fire does strike in your home, car or boat, you may be able to put it out yourself with an **approved and listed** fire extinguisher. The extinguisher is a fire-wise tool no homeowner should be without.

Most home extinguishers sold today use a dry chemical powder driven by pressurized gas. These units are relatively inexpensive. Also available are approved and listed CO2 or Halon fire extinguishers.

Whatever type you buy, choose an extinguisher that bears an A, B and C label. This means the extinguisher is rated for Type A fires (wood, paper, fabric, etc.); Type B fires (flammable liquids like gasoline or cooking grease); and Type C fires (electrical). An A-B-C extinguisher will thus be effective against all the common types of household fires.

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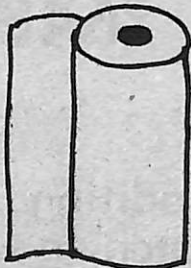
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Many Area Teams Joining Volleyball For Easter Seals

Numerous teams have joined together to battle disabilities by registering for the Hampden County Century 21 Easter Seal Volleyball Marathon. The marathon is locally sponsored by WHYD Radio 56 and will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at the Wilbraham Tennis club.

Proceeds will benefit programs and services offered by the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society to disabled children and adults in Hampden County.

Participating teams will play volleyball and compete for prizes by raising money prior to the event. Prizes provided by Century 21 include: trophies, t-shirts, travel mugs, marathon caps and gym bags. Other prizes include a VCR, a 35 mm camera, and a vacation trip for two.

Local teams preparing for the game include: Agawam Buxton's, managed by Bill Killela.

In addition, top fundraising teams will appear on the Easter Seal Telethon which will be broadcast over WWLP-TV 22 on March 30th and 31st.

Anyone interested in organizing a team should call Easter Seals at 734-6434 or 1-800-922-8290 - 24 hours a day. Teams consist of 6-12 players and can be all male, female, or coed. Prior volleyball experience is not required. Starting times are going fast, so call now to register your team.

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March 1st: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

March 6th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting with a report from the nominating committee.

March 13th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting with a report from nominating committee.

March 17th: Trip to Hinsdale Race Track, Hinsdale, New Hampshire.

March 19th: Trip to the General Motors Assembly Plant in Framingham, Massachusetts, with dinner at Ram's Restaurant in Sturbridge.

March 20th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting with election of officers for the coming year.

March 27th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting with election of officers for the coming year.

March 29th: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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News, Activities At The Agawam Senior Center

Summer And Fall Trips

The summer and fall schedule for Agawam Senior Center trips is rapidly being finalized by activities director Sandra Smith, for your enjoyment and relaxation.

June 24th-25th-26th. Three exciting, fun-filled days, with two nights at the Cliff House in Ogunquit, Maine. Included are a guided tour to Kennebunkport, a visit to the Seashore Trolley Museum, and an evening at the Ogunquit Playhouse. En route home, a visit will be made at Strawberry Banke, a waterfront museum in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

A \$15 deposit is required with each reservation and is due before April 1st. A single room is \$243, double is \$193, and triple is \$188. This fee includes transportation and gratuities, lodging, five meals, museum and playhouse admissions, taxes, and baggage handling. You may set up an installment plan to suit your individual budget with final payment due June 3rd.

July 18th: *New York Ballet* at Saratoga Supporting Arts Center, Saratoga, New York. This trip includes a full luncheon and a museum tour, as well as a performance by the New York Ballet. Price and deadline for tickets to be announced.

August 15th: *The Family Affair*, (a continuation of *The Wedding Party*) at the Gables in Lenox. Price is \$26.20. Other details later.

September 19th: Another great Cape Cod Lobster/Clambake trip. This includes a shopping stop at the Christmas Tree Shop, a guided tour of the Hyannis area, as well as the full course lobster/clambake at the Marine Bay Restaurant. Price and deadline to be announced.

October 20th-21st-22nd: Lake George, New York, 3 days/2 nights at the Georgian Resort situated right on the lake and with an easy walk to all village shops. This will be a trip you will want to put on your calendar as an "end-of-summer" celebration. Details later.

Reservations Still Open

The trips in March, April and May are still open, but the Flower Show Trip has a March 1st deadline. The April 25th trip to Lenox for *The Wedding Party* has an April 1st deadline. Price is \$26.20. For the May 23rd trip to Coachlight for *My Fair Lady*, the deadline is May 1st. Price is \$18.55. The Ticket Booth is open for your reservations every day from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Don't forget the lecture on "History of the Computer" to be held at the Senior Center on Monday, March 18th, at 2:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 19th, there will be a special entertainment in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, compliments of the Springfield Professional Musician's Union, Local 171. Fats Daniel and his group, well-known to Agawam seniors, will provide music during and following lunch at the Senior Center on that date.

Make a reservation for the pot roast dinner and join the fun. We're sure there will be lots of Irish music in honor of the day.

"Mini-College" Update

The Agawam Senior Center program of "Education for the Elderly," presented by the Council on Aging in consultation with "Educational Parameters for the Elderly" author Jude Ziemba, is a pilot program being tested locally before "going national."

These mini-college courses offer seniors an opportunity to exercise latent aptitudes and/or learn new ways to enrich their leisure time.

The modern literature class, Richard Munday instructor, has nearly completed the first

successful six-week course at the Senior Center. The class in creative writing, with Kara Puskey instructor, assisted by her sister Pearl, is meeting at the Agawam Library and encompasses an enthusiastic group of men and women, learning the basics of "putting thoughts on paper."

Drama Workshop

A new course will start on **Tuesday, March 5th**, at 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center called "Drama Workshop." It sounds exciting and will surely cover a wide area of drama-related activities. Instructors for this course are Jude Ziemba and Vera Conway.

If you are interested in any facet of "drama," sign-up for this course by calling 786-0400, extension 242. We're sure you will find it interesting and stimulating.

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AT THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE on Monday, February 25th, the Agawam Women's Club heard guest speaker Connie Bettis, consumer economics educator for the Extension Service of Hampden & Hampshire Counties, give a talk on the subject "Let The Buyer Beware." Mrs. Bettis warned members of the club that as consumers, they should be on the look-out for "great buys" that will disappoint or are actually fraudulent.

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AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB members, from left - Doris Kistner, Shirely Goss, and Elizabeth Pond, listen to a program given by the Extension Service of Hampden & Hampshire Counties on "Let The Buyer Beware." The Women's Club heard the presentation at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News

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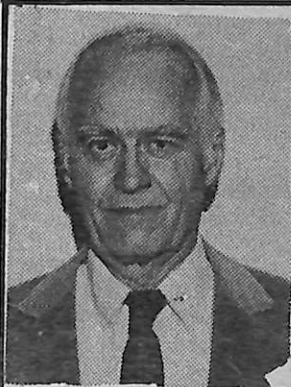
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Psychologically Speaking

By William J. Osborn, Ph. D.
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Lent, The Human Spirit, And Positive Mental Health

Lent, in the Christian tradition, is a time of self-denial and reflection, as is Yom Kippur in the Jewish tradition. Living in this world of explosive change, I think we need some such period of quiet in order to keep our bearings on who we are, what we are, and where we are going.

As a psychologist, I feel a need to look beyond "mental illness" and how to complicate our lives: to "mental health" and how we bring meaning and satisfaction into our lives.

To do this, I believe that we must join forces with philosophy and religion in exploring the outer regions of our existence.

In addition to clearing away obstacles, (the work of psychotherapy), we also need to reach out for something beyond ourselves; for a larger understanding; for a source of energy which we cannot as yet define; and for an inner peace which is so difficult to maintain.

This is the "spiritual" side of human existence (which is so difficult to describe or define in words), but which is so basic to a "mental health" and a life well-lived.

Personality And Spirit

The term "spirit" is often associated with ghosts, return of the dead, etc. But that is now what I mean by the term. The spirit of a person is to me the essence of that person, the sum total of what he is, who he is, and what he stands for.

It is more than "personality," which has come to mean a kind of superficial facade or mask which we show to the world, usually to impress others.

A person's spirit shows through his bearing, his attitude, his facial expressions, his gestures, his posture, his acts (mostly non-verbal signals which give us a sense of his inner state of being).

When we meet somebody for the first time, we react automatically and immediately to this quality which I am calling spirit. We may feel right away that we are kindred spirits, that we "know" this person, even though we have just met. Or we may feel quite the opposite.

Most often, we feel mixed emotions, because the

signals are contradictory. The way this stranger dresses tells us that she/he is relaxed and informal - but her/his posture and mannerisms are tight and controlled. We are left somewhat uncomfortable. We don't really "know" this person.

Having It All Together

It is rare to find a person who "has it all together" in the sense that his or her whole way of being shows a complete harmony of expression.

We are instantly attracted to such a person. We feel trust because we sense no contradictions, and we feel admiration because we would like to be that way.

Of course, we often are fooled by people who have perfected a "smooth" personality that seems genuine, only to find that under pressure, "when the chips are down," this person isn't what we thought he or she was.

The Inconsistencies That Hurt

The truth of the matter is that most of us don't live in harmony with ourselves. Therefore, we do disappoint and hurt others, as well as ourselves, because we don't deliver what others feel we have promised.

What we say doesn't match what we do. What we do doesn't fit the kind of person that we seem to be.

Children are particularly sensitive to these inconsistencies in their parents. They feel confused by a mother or father who is warm and loving much of the time, but who will then say or do things that betray a mean or selfish side which hurts deeply.

A child who experiences this kind of let-down frequently and severely has lifelong problems with trust, (and is particularly vulnerable to being hurt).

The child raised by consistently harsh parents at least knows what to expect and develops a protective toughness to cope with the hurts (which leads to other problems).

But, most of us were raised by parents who, like ourselves, are full of contradictions. Therefore, we are prone to the same kind of internal confusion which can make life so difficult.

Are We Prisoners Of Our Past?

So what is to be done? Are we all victims and prisoners of our past or of our material circumstances?

It is difficult to feel at peace with yourself and the world when you are frightened, cold and hungry, in pain and ill health, constantly tired, or forced to live or work in degrading or humiliating circumstances.

The basic material needs of life can help to force us to live more happily (but how well we know that there are no guarantees that we will find happiness).

And how many examples have we seen of people who have been able to rise above the worst of environments to find creative, productive lives beyond what most of us ever achieve?

So, despite the limitations of our backgrounds, it seems possible to go "beyond ourselves" to find the elusive "peace of mind," contentment, joy in living, and satisfaction with ourselves which we all seek.

How we do this and how we work at developing a wholeness of spirit which guides us through the maze of contradictions in our lives is probably the most important work that we can do. More thoughts about this next time.

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by Dr. Lee R. Pennington



Cholesterol And Heart Disease

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Often serum cholesterol can be controlled with a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, with a moderate intake of polyunsaturated fats.

Your serum cholesterol should be checked by your physician if you: have high blood pressure; smoke; have diabetes; or have family history of premature heart disease.

Arthritis Foundation To Hear Guest Speaker

The Arthritis Foundation of Springfield, Chapter Unit Support Group, will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m., at Elks Lodge 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Steven Wenner, orthopedic surgeon who will talk on: "surgery information for the patient with arthritis."

The program is free to the public and ample parking is available.

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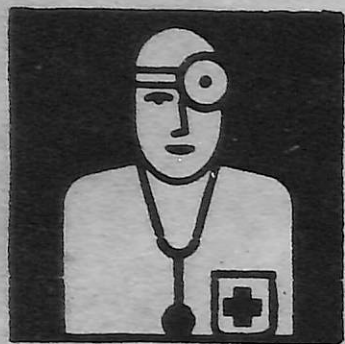
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Schools

Schools' Dedicated Cafeteria Staff Keeps The Food Coming...

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Describing themselves as "women who are family oriented," the Agawam School System's cafeteria managers are the unsung heroines of the food service department's hot lunch program.

These seven ladies not only are responsible for preparing nutritionally, well-balanced meals, but also for ordering supplies, supervising staff employees, keeping money and inventory records, and maintaining kitchen cleanliness.

Working under the direction of 14-year food service director Frank Godek, each manager feeds approximately 200-900 students daily, according to their school's individual enrollment.

Initially attracted by work hours which correlated with their family's lifestyle, most managers began substituting in the school lunch program when their children were young and still in elementary school.

Desiring employment which would supplement their family income while allowing them to be home with their children during school vacations, these amicable ladies all share a love of cooking.

Florence Wojnarowicz has the unique distinction of being the senior member of this culinary group. Working for over three decades in the school system, she began her career in 1948, the first year a hot lunch program was instituted in Agawam.

Following in the footsteps of her mother, who was also employed as a town cafeteria worker, Florence was initially assigned to the former junior high on Main Street.

After working one year at the newly-opened senior high on Cooper Street, she returned to the middle school, where she has served as manager for the past 36 years.

Florence states that she has always enjoyed her job, which has never allowed her to meet and work with so many nice people.

Supervising a staff of seven, she begins her day promptly at 7:00 a.m., and feeds an average of 500 students during three lunch periods.

She relates that meals have remained basically the same throughout the years with pizza being the most popular lunch.

According to her, students at the middle school have always been very well-behaved and especially polite to the cafeteria staff.

She is considering retiring this June. She relates that she has several friends who live in Florida and have invited her to spend winters there as their guest.

"I guess I'm getting old and the lure to spend winter months in Florida is getting strong," Florence explains.

However, Florence highly recommends cafeteria work for today's mothers who enjoy being with their children yet need to work to help make ends meet.

A life-long resident of Agawam, Florence spends her spare time bowling on a candlepin league and playing cards. She has a son Fred and proudly boasts of her 14 year-old granddaughter Rose, who is a student at Agawam Junior High.

Another veteran member is **Helen McGrady**. Helen has 30 years of service to her credit, 10 of which have been spent as cafeteria manager of Granger School.

Helen explains that after her husband's death, she felt a need to work, yet she wanted to be home with her two young sons. Cafeteria work was the perfect solution to her dilemma.

"Going to work was like therapy for me. I still enjoy it after all these years and feel it is better than going to a doctor," she declares.

Helen, who supervises a staff of three, says that a greater variety of foods exists on today's school menu. She states that she derives pleasure from cooking meals for the students.

The popular manager points out that even though elementary youngsters are reluctant to try new foods, she always coaxes them to try just a little to which they usually agree.

Helen states that she looks forward to coming to work each day and plans to continue working until her retirement.

When not in the Granger kitchen, she can be found playing cards, traveling, and socializing at several clubs of which she is a member.

Helen, who resides at Pheasant Hill in Feeding Hills, has two sons, Peter and Jack, who reside in Chicopee and Westfield, respectively; and a daughter, Patricia Hebert, who resides in Agawam.

She is also the proud grandmother of Timothy Hebert, 16, Jim Hebert, 15, and Kimberly Hebert, 13.

Senior high manager **Barbara Capponcelli** heads up the largest staff of cafeteria workers. Correlating the efforts of 11 women who work four different shifts, she sometimes thinks of herself as "a food symphony conductor."



THE WOMEN RESPONSIBLE for keeping good, nourishing food on the plates of thousands of Agawam school children each day are, back row, from left - **Helen Carey, Elaine Della Guistina, Barbara Capponcelli, and Catherine Moccio.** Front row - **Sue Limotti, Helen McGrady, and Florence Wojnarowicz.** Also, these women are most popular with the students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

With a son in college and another in third grade, Barbara began her 11-year career as a substitute but quickly was appointed manager of the former Peirce School.

"Since I was a member of the school's P.T.A. and familiar with the kitchen and teachers, I was approached to fill the manager's position when it opened. I was determined to make it work even though the kitchen was very small and the equipment out dated," she explains.

Her determination and hard work resulted in her appointment as manager of the senior high, a position she has maintained for five years.

Barbara, who feeds an average of 750 students each day, points out that there are several factors which contribute to students buying their lunches at this grade level. Some of these include weather, absenteeism, and school group trips.

She reports that for the past four years, lunch purchases have stabilized and credits this, in part, to the addition of a twice-weekly salad bar.

Barbara states that cooking is the best feature of her job while paper work is the worst. She declares bread her "Waterloo" since she either has too much or too little.

The personable manager notes that due to the staff's resourcefulness, everything is utilized in the kitchen which results in very little being thrown away.

Barbara, who is known for the hugs she freely gives to students, teachers, and staff personnel who may be "down," states that she enjoys the challenge her job presents.

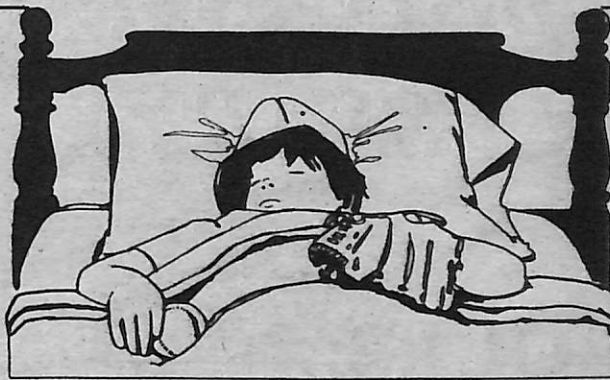
She foresees herself remaining at the senior high for at least another three years at which time she will be eligible for early retirement.

Barbara resides on Rhodes Avenue in Feeding Hills with her husband Don, and is the mother of four sons, Don Jr. of Vermont; Peter of Westfield; Barry of Las Vegas; and Bruce, who is in the U.S. Coast Guard.

She confesses to spoiling her two granddaughters, Kelly, 5, and Shannon, 2; as well as her two grandsons, Scott, 10, and Eli, 4.

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CAFETERIA WORKERS - From Page 22...

Seventeen years ago, **Helen Carey** applied for a position as a part-time cafeteria worker. Today, she oversees a staff of eight at the junior high where she has been manager for the past seven years.

She recalls former junior high manager Celia Menard encouraging her to apply for the manager's position upon her retirement.

Helen says that the only meals she feels are difficult to prepare are the unknown.

"Every so often, Mr. Godek adds a new item to the menu. Never having prepared it before, it's difficult to judge how long the staff will have to work with it in the production stage," she explains.

Helen points out that sauces and gravies are generally the most time consuming meals while pizza is the quickest to serve.

She relates that the only thing she dislikes about her job is when discord develops between staff members.

According to her, a manager has to be a "mother" to her staff and ensure that everyone is treated equally.

Helen says that she enjoys her job and hopes to remain at the junior high until her retirement.

When not in the school kitchen, she says that she enjoys reading and sewing.

A life-long resident, Helen lives on Maynard Street with her husband, Leo, and daughter, Susan. The Careys also have two sons, Leo III of Springfield and Robert of Agawam, as well as a married daughter, Cynthia Remsy.

Helen recently became the grandmother of two granddaughters, Amie, 1 month, and Lindsay, two weeks old.

Helen Carey was also instrumental in **Susan Limotti's** decision to apply for a managerial position.

Sue, who began her career in 1972, worked eight years with Helen at the junior high. When a manager's position opened at Peirce School, Helen advised her to "go for it."

After working a year at Peirce, Sue was appointed manager of Robinson Park School where she has remained for two years.

Supervising a staff of four, she begins her day at 6:45 a.m., by starting the day's main meal.

Sue states that she has always enjoyed cooking and working with food. She credits her capable staff for making her job pleasurable and says school faculty and personnel are very friendly and cooperative.

Noting that most meals are made from scratch, Sue feels gravy meals such as turkey are the most difficult

to prepare since the birds have to be roasted and boned a day ahead.

She says that she prefers working in the elementary schools where the students are "so adorable" rather than at the upper levels.

When away from school, Sue's hobbies include traveling and gardening.

A 25-year resident, she resides on Edgewater Road with her husband, Joe, and her daughter, Maryann. The Limottis also have two other daughters, Lori and Joanne Hutchins, as well as two grandsons, Brian, 11, and Jason, 4.

Catherine Moccio has the distinction of serving as manager of three schools. During her 10-year career, she has managed the cafeterias at Danahy School for two years, Peirce School for one year, and Phelps School for the past two years.

Cathy states that she decided to apply for her first manager's position because it seemed challenging. Working with a three-member staff, she says she enjoys preparing soups and baking best.

The friendly manager says that she hopes to remain at Phelps until her three children complete college.

When not working, Cathy can be found attending a jazz exercise class or working on her craft projects.

A 20-year resident, she resides on Haynes Avenue with her husband, James, and children Donna, 19, and twins John and Joanne, both 16.

Fourteen years ago, **Elaine Della Guistina** was appointed a permanent cafeteria worker. Assigned for a short while to the middle school, she was transferred to James Clark School where she has remained manager for the past four years.

Besides having her three sons, Richard, Steven, and Paul, attend Clark School, Elaine's 5-year-old grandson, Nicholas, is presently enrolled there as a kindergartener.

She says that she enjoys cooking and getting up every morning and going to work. Together with a staff of three, she serves approximately 200 meals each day.

According to her, hamburgers, hot dogs, and pizza have remained the student's favorite meals, while chicken nuggets are gaining in popularity.

Elaine plans on staying at Clark School until she retires. In the meantime, she keeps busy during her free time with craft projects and bingo games.

A resident of Cosgrove Street, she has three other grandchildren, Tina, 10, Vinnie, 6, and Jenny, 3.

Area Residents Named To WNEC Dean's List

Ten area residents, students at Western New England College in Springfield, have been named to the 1984 fall semester Dean's List according to an announcement by Allan W. Bosch, vice president for academic affairs.

Honored for achieving a 3.0 or higher grade point average as full-time students are: seniors, Lynnette A. Mogan, Caron LaCour, and David H. Stuart; juniors, Cheryl A. Mayotte and Jeffrey Christopher White; sophomores, Sandra J. Fleming, Tina Marie Karam, Donna Moccio and Joseph Bonfitto; and freshman Stephen J. Fisher.

Western New England College is a private, coeducational institution offering more than 30 undergraduate majors in professional and liberal studies as well as graduate degree programs in accounting, business administration, engineering and law to some 6,500 students.

Laughing Brook Sponsors Trees In Winter Course

"Trees In Winter" is a special two-session course for students ages 7 to 15 offered by Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden. The first session will be held on Saturday, March 2nd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the second session will be on Saturday, March 9th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"Trees In Winter" will help participants sharpen observational skills as they learn to identify at least 15 kinds of trees along the trail. Each kind of tree is distinctive in its bark, its twigs, its fruits, and its shape.

Because late winter is "sugaring time," students will be tapping a maple tree and making syrup. Dress warmly for the outdoors.

Instructor for "Trees in Winter" will be Richard Seelig.



KATHLEEN A. NICORA

Kathleen Nicora Named To 1985 Edition Of Who's Who

Kathleen Ann Nicora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Nicora, Jr., of 36 Old Mill Road, Agawam, has been named to the 1985 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Nominated for academic achievement, community service, leadership, and potential for continued success, Miss Nicora was one of 17 students chosen from area universities and colleges.

At Our Lady of the Elms College, she has been a judiciary board representative, tour guide, and orientation advisor, and has served on the "Family Weekend Committee" and the yearbook staff.

A consistent Dean's List student, having obtained a 4.0 average this semester, Miss Nicora is a senior at the Chicopee College and is an education major.

She is a 1981 graduate of Agawam High School.

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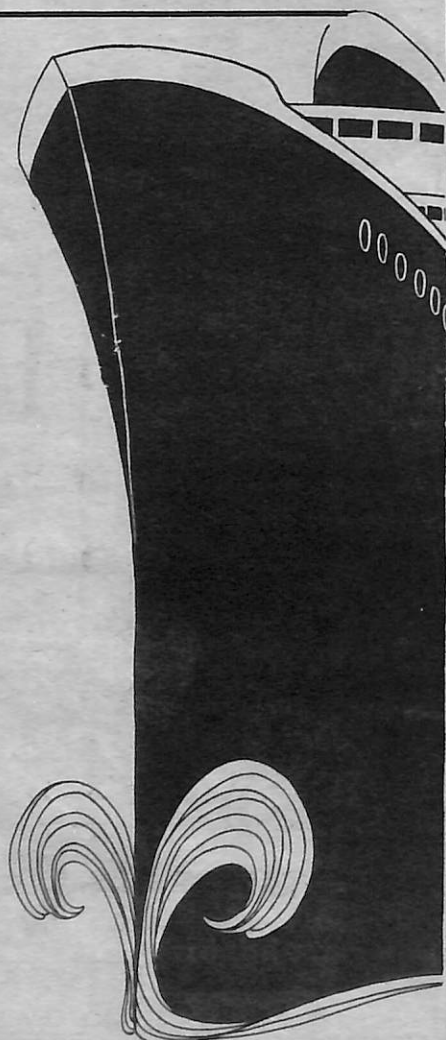
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SMILING BROWNIE TROOP 548 MEMBERS from Robinson Park School at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. From left - Kimberly Faust, Jessica Crowley, Teresa Savina, Rachel Niemiec, Christina Davenport, and Alexandra Page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownie Troop 548 Visits Heritage Hall

The Brownie Troop 548 of Robinson Park School, led by co-leaders Mary Ann Page and Eleanor Jean, made a "Valentine's Visit" to the residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home the afternoon of February 13th.

The girls had been preparing for their trip for several weeks. They learned many old love songs to sing for the occasion which included, *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, *I Love You a Bushel and a Peck*, *Daisy, Daisy*, *Red River Valley*, *You Are My Sunshine*, *By The Light of the Silvery Moon*, *My Bonnie*, and *Polly Wolly Doodle*.

The Brownies also prepared individual Valentine "goodie" baskets for the residents. Each basket contained an Avon cologne packet and hand cream packet donated by Betty Kida of Feeding Hills. Valentine cookies were also included.

Transported to and from Heritage Hall by parent volunteers, the children responded with joy in singing to their audience, and kindness in giving and sharing their Valentine Celebration.

The members of Troop 548 who participated are: **First Grade:** Nicole Boyer, Lisa Casanelli, Christine Cloutier, Meagan Langevin, Melissa Murphy, Melissa Montagna, Rachel Niemiec, Teresa Savina, Kristin Scarlett, Tracy Wandrei, Selena Machia, Amy Hutchinson, Danielle LaBarre; **Second Grade:** Tina Belleville, Maureen Briere, Christina Davenport, Dina DeMarco, Sara Gilbert, Alexandra Page, Jessica Crowley, Kim Faust; **Third Grade:** Alison Jean, Amy Langevin, Stacy St. Peter, Laura Asta-Ferrero.



THE WHOLE GANG from Brownie Troop 548 of Robinson Park School takes time out from their visit at Heritage Hall for a photo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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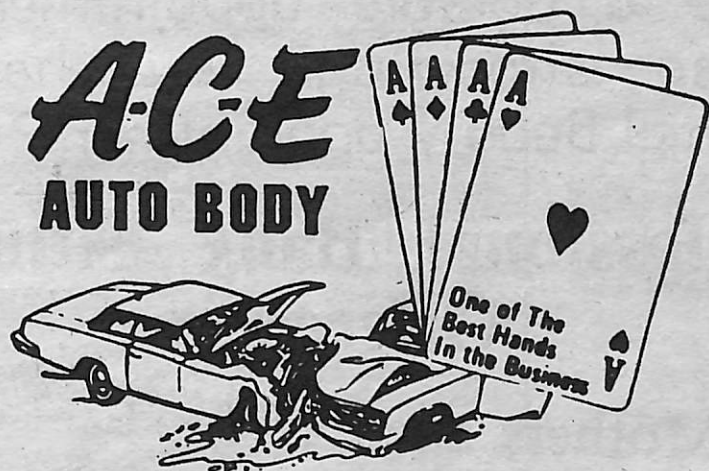
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FAMILY NATURALIST

By Kay Kudlinski

The Love Goddess For Star Gazers

*"Star light, star bright,
First star I see tonight..."*

Don't let yourself be fooled: the first star you see tonight will NOT be a star. That glorious "star" gleaming steadily in the sky above the sunset is a nearby planet.

*"Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are..."*

All those pinpoints of light in the night sky are not stars, of course. Some are planets, some satellites, and some, meteorites. You can easily tell them apart. Remember: just like the song says, stars twinkle. Planets DON'T. Their clear light shines steadily.

Stars are so unimaginably far from earth that tons of dust and air molecules are in the way of our view. As this haze in the vast intervening spaces shifts about, the flow of light to our eyes is interrupted, and the star's light seems to twinkle. Planets are so much closer that we see them without the twinkle effect.

"Venus, if you will,

Please send a little girl for me to thrill..."

So now you've identified that beautiful glowing "star" as a planet. It is Venus, the next planet in towards the sun.

Because we have to look toward the sun to see it, the planet only shows up as the "evening star" just after sunset, or the "morning star" in the pre-dawn darkness. It is never seen at midnight, for then, both it and the sun are on the far side of the world from us.

Venus doesn't glow. Yes, I know it is the brightest thing in the sky besides the moon this week - but it doesn't shine on its own.

The beautiful light you see is sunlight reflecting off Venus' pearly clouds. The planet is completely swathed in these clouds, so we are only now learning of its surface with x-ray and infra-red photography.

The clouds give the planet its beauty from our perspective, but they make life on the planet impossible. They seethe with poisonous gases and trap the heat of the sunlight against the planet's surface.

In this test-case of the "greenhouse effect" the results are dramatic: the temperature may reach over 1000 degrees and the atmospheric pressure is immense.

Look at Venus through strong binoculars just at dusk for a surprise: it looks like a tiny crescent moon. The crescent shape is seen only when the planet is at its closest to earth. Like the moon, it has other phases, determined by the angle from which it reflects the sun's light to our eyes.

While we see a full moon once a month, full Venus is hidden behind the sun and we never see the spectacle.

"When you wish upon a star

Makes no difference who you are..."

You don't have to be an astronomer to find Venus tonight. It is so bright you can't miss it in the sky over the spot where the sun set. Take a look, and point it out to your kids or neighbors. Such beauty should not go unnoticed.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Kay Kudlinski is involved with the Massachusetts Audubon Society and is an exhibitor at Laughing Brook Wildlife Center in Hampden. We strongly suggest parents read her informative column with their children.

Beth Golemo Named To 1985 Edition Of Who's Who

Beth A. Golemo, daughter of Mr. John Golemo of 19 Quebec Street, Chicopee, and Mrs. Dorothy O'Connell of 87 Perry Lane, Agawam, has been chosen to appear in the 1985 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

Miss Golemo is among 38 members of the senior class at Springfield College selected to appear in the publication. Students are nominated on the basis of academic achievement, participation and leadership in activities on campus and in the community.

A graduate of Agawam High School, Miss Golemo is majoring in psychology and English. She is a coordinator for pre-college camp, a week-long camping experience for incoming freshmen; a member of the *Student* newspaper staff; a tutor for the Writing Center, and a member of Psi Chi, an honor society for psychology majors.

Founded in 1885, Springfield College is a private, co-educational school that emphasizes educating students for what it characterizes as the "human helping professions," such as physical therapy, counseling and sports medicine, as well as management of social welfare agencies like the YMCA and the United Way.

The 2,200-student institution has educational exchange agreements with countries that range from China and Hong Kong, to Venezuela and the Netherlands.

Karen Augusti Named To Babson's Dean's List

Karen A. Augusti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Augusti, of 46 Pleasant Valley Drive, Feeding Hills, has been named to the dean's list at Babson College for the 1984 fall semester.

Babson is an independent coeducational college offering graduate and undergraduate degrees in business administration. It is one of the few colleges in the country to offer a major in entrepreneurial studies.

The school, founded in 1919, is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and was the first non-university college to be accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Airman Carmelo Perez, Jr. Transferred To Japan

Airman Carmelo Perez Jr., son of Maria M. Perez of 50 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force munitions maintenance course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado.

During the course, students were taught to inspect, assemble and dispose of explosive munitions. They also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Perez is scheduled to serve with the 400th Munitions Maintenance Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.

He is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, March 4th: Vegetable soup, cold meat and cheese sandwich in roll with lettuce, mustard or mayonnaise, buttered green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, March 5th: Apple juice, hamburger in roll, sliced cheese, buttered carrots, steamed rice, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, March 6th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, buttered mixed vegetables, mustard, relish, ketchup, blueberry dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 7th: Meatballs in sauce, buttered macaroni, waxed beans, bread and butter, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Friday, March 8th: Baked fish wedge, buttered niblet corn, applesauce, tartar sauce or ketchup, wheat bread and butter, sweet potato cake with icing, milk.

Big Y To Establish Seven New Scholarships

Big Y Foods, Inc., has announced its plans to establish seven new scholarship awards in 1985. This will bring the total number awarded under the Big Y Scholarship Program to twenty.

In 1983, Paul H. D'Amour, chairman of the board and founder of the Big Y Supermarkets, donated \$50,000 to establish a scholarship fund for students in the Big Y marketing area. Four, \$1,000 Paul H. D'Amour Founder's Fellowships will be awarded annually to the following students:

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Anotion F. Gomes, chairman of the scholarship committee, reports that these fellowships supplement the Big Y Merit Scholarship Program which will annually award 16, \$500 scholarships to Big Y employees, dependents of Big Y employees, and Big Y customers. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit.

Applications will be available at all Big Y courtesy booths, area high schools, and colleges as of March 1st. Students may apply for the Paul H. D'Amour Founder's Fellowships and the Big Y Merit Scholarships at the same time.

The deadline for applications is April 1st. This year's recipients will be announced in June.

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AHS Language Pupils Observe Nat'l Week

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Agawam High School foreign language students will participate in several language-oriented activities during National Foreign Language Week, March 4th to 9th.

Language department chairwoman Melanie R. Poudrier, points out that the fifth annual observance is sponsored by the American Council for Teaching Foreign Languages.

This year, Governor Michael Dukakis, in a proclamation, urged all citizens of the Commonwealth to recognize this event and actively participate in its observance.

Value And Rewards

Ms. Poudrier explains that Foreign Language Week is designed to call attention to the value and rewards of knowing another language.

She reports that many colleges, which during the past years have dropped language requirements, are now recommending entrants complete three years of a foreign language.

Ms. Poudrier states that students are also realizing that languages are useful in the verbal section of college board entrance exams.

Moreover, she reports that businesses have discovered that foreign language competency is essential if they are going to successfully compete in the international trade market.

The department chairwoman says that other advantages derived from learning a foreign language include, gaining an understanding of our own language's grammar, and a greater enjoyment of travel, especially when one can communicate in the native tongue.

She notes that although the overall number of students enrolled in foreign language courses has remained the same this year, there has been a 40 student increase in Spanish classes.

Ms. Poudrier relates that in preparation for the week-long activities, a poster contest was held with ribbons awarded for first, second, and third place.

Besides their artistic merit, each poster was judged for its conveyance of the theme "Languages Are Useful."

She explains that non-winning posters will be displayed throughout the building in hallways and classrooms.



RECENTLY ANNOUNCED AGAWAM HIGH WINNERS in the National Foreign Language Week poster contest are, from left - Melanie Poudrier, department head; Claudine Bouchard, first place; Pattie Lawrence, third place; and Cindy Rosner, second place. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

In addition to the above competition, a poetry contest will also take place with winning entries to be printed in the A.H.S. literary magazine *Unicorn*.

Ms. Poudrier relates that the entire student body will be invited to participate in a daily trivia contest which will focus on questions relevant to a certain foreign nation.

Students, faculty members, and staff personnel will also share the fun of International Hat Day during which everyone will don a hat typical of a foreign country.

She says that language classes will view the film "Two Towns" which explores the differences and similarities in cultures and lifestyles of the residents of Gubbio, Italy and Chillicothe, Ohio.

Moreover, language classes will again prepare and share cookies and cakes which are traditional to the country whose language they are studying.

The fourth-year department head says that as a

special highlight of the week's festivities, students in language classes will perform skits for fellow classmates.

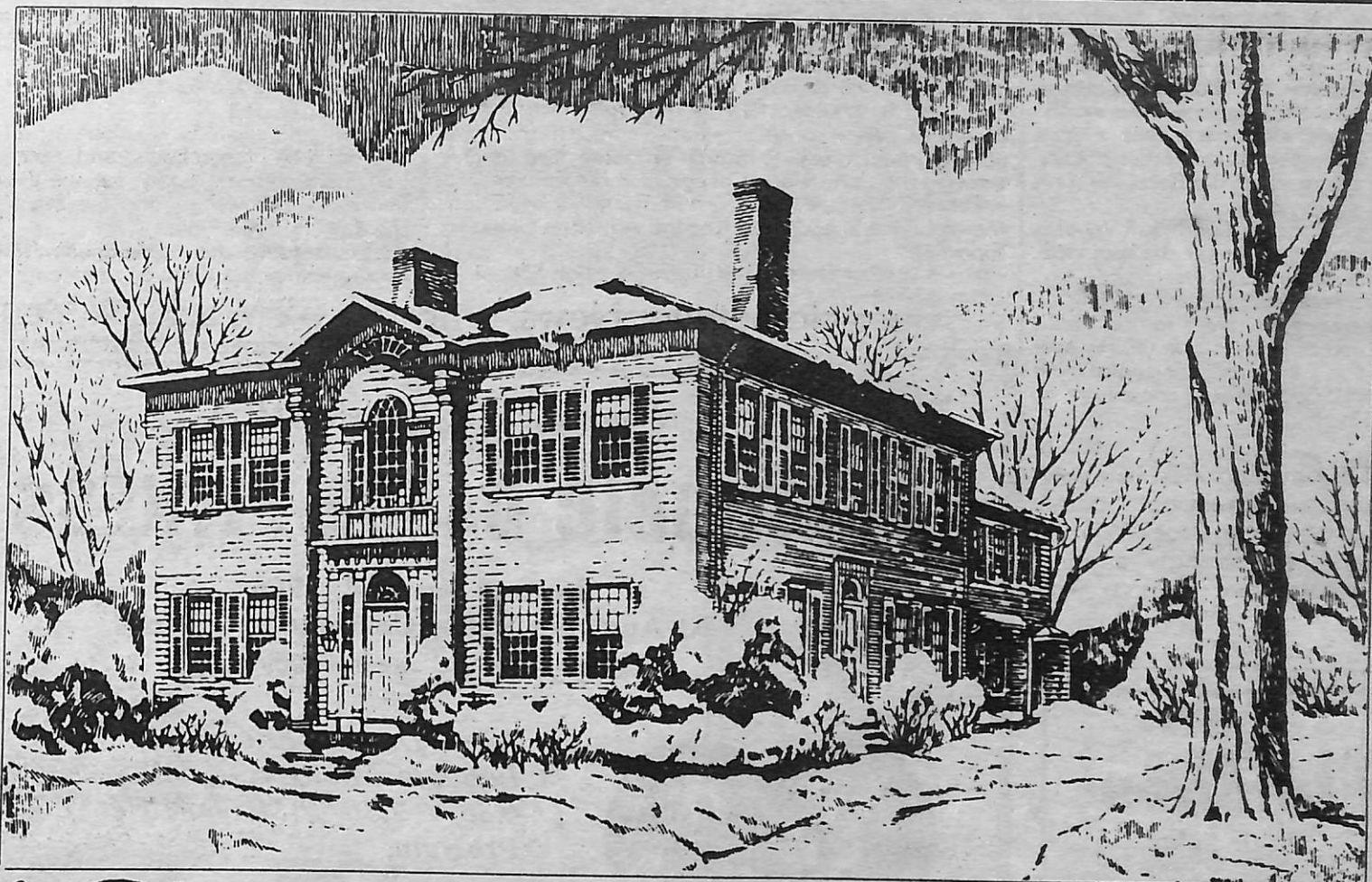
Guest Speakers To Lecture

Another feature will be lectures by guest speakers who will explain their adventures while traveling abroad to such countries as Finland, Israel, and Italy.

She states that as a follow-up to the week's activities, students will be contributing art work, cartoons, and brief articles for publication in *Foreign Language Week In Review*.

Compiled under the direction of Spanish teacher Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan, the pamphlet will be distributed to all language classes.

Ms. Poudrier says that she and her students are looking forward to the fun-filled activities of Foreign Language Week and hopes the entire student body will enjoy them as well.



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Agawam High Hoop Ends Season With Winless Record

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The basketball court continues to be the killing fields for the Agawam High School basketball program. The Brownies dropped their final three regular season games, leaving them with records of 0-20 (overall) and 0-15 (Valley Wheel).

In those losses, top-ranked Valley League leader Putnam unloaded on Agawam, 91-44 on February 19th; rival West Springfield stopped them for the second time this season, 57-44 on February 20th; and in the seasonal finale, Springfield Tech ran a clinic in a 93-39 victory on February 22nd.

In the 1983-84 and 1984-85 seasons, the Brownies have lost 40 consecutive games under two-year coach Peter Kowalski. The numbers in the losing column only continue the anxiety when that slide dips all the way into the 1982-83 season.

The Brownies have lost 55 consecutive games and stand 2-58 in three years against mostly Division I teams.

While no one wishes to expound upon this record and overlook the hard work and effort put in by the boys during these dark times for AHS basketball, it seems the streak's end will probably come next year with more experience and an influx of new blood.

It was the Brownies' best chance for victory when they faced 5-15 West Springfield of the Valley Wheel.

Instead, the game turned into another nightmare for the Brownies as they dug themselves a 31-14 hole by intermission.

The bigger Terriers were paced by Mike Howard, who canned 20 of his game-high 26 points in the first half which sealed the final outcome for all intents and purposes.

Once in the hole, the inexperienced Brownies found it difficult to climb out. They saved some face in the fourth quarter by outscoring West Side 21-10. They went into the final eight minutes, however, trailing by 24 points.

Junior Paul Fetherston, Agawam's most consistent performer this season, topped the local tally with 12. He was followed by Mike Chausse (11), Paul Scoville (8), and Tim Lockwood (6).

"We had difficulty with their half-court trap and we only scored 4 points in the second quarter. We also had problems matching up with them man-to-man because they were much bigger," said Kowalski.

In their season-ending game vs. second place Springfield Tech of the Valley League (15-3), hot-shot guard Chris Bailey (20.0 average) put on a show as his 28 points paced the Tigers.

Tech scored most of their points in the transition game as they exploited board strength with a lightning quick fast break. They led 22-8 (first quarter) and upped the margin to 55-22 at the intermission.

"We handled their press alright but once we broke it, the turnovers began and we'd take some bad shots. I thought Bailey's ability to race the ball upcourt did the most damage to us," said Kowalski.

Fetherston was Agawam's top point-getter with 18. Chausse added 8 while the team's only senior, Brian Litz, played his last game and added 6 points.



MEMBERS OF THE 1984-85 AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL varsity basketball team are, from left - Jim Hanson, Dave Pemberton, Wayne Leal, Paul Scoville, Paul Fetherston, Ray Leclair, and Nick Carra. Front row - Steve Milliken, Brian Litz, Peter Saracino, Tim Lockwood, and Mike Chausse. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AAA Basketball Standings

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AAA 5th-6th Grade Wins Tourney

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In a heart-stopping, down-to-the-wire thriller, the Agawam Athletic Association sponsored 5th-6th grade suburban basketball team nipped Greenfield, 34-32 to capture the Second Annual Wilbraham Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The AAA boys' annexed the title on Sunday, February 24th.

The locals rode three victories to reach the finals. They opened the week-long tourney with a victory over Holy Cross of Springfield (February 18th). They then narrowly dropped Longmeadow, 26-20 in the quarter-finals on February 20th, and in the semi-finals, they outthusted rival Ludlow, 37-25 on Saturday, February 23rd.

The four wins give coach John Hyland's charges an overall seasonal record of 19-3 with the first round of the Suburban Basketball League playoffs slated to begin on Saturday, March 2nd.

"The whole tournament was very exciting and the kids just did a super job," an ecstatic Hyland said afterwards. "Everyone contributed and the kids worked very hard to get into the finals."

The first and fourth quarters provided the most excitement for Agawam in the finals vs. Greenfield. In the opening period, Todd Hyland and Chris Corgan netted 8 and 4 points, respectively, to spark a high-scoring spree by both teams that ended with the AAA boys' out front, 16-10. Brett Boskiewicz also netted 4 in that stanza for the AAA.

Greenfield then employed a press in the second quarter that gave Agawam fits. They turned the ball over four times before they regained their composure. Still, Agawam held a four point lead at the intermission, (24-20).

Greenfield had the better of the play in period three. They saw some daylight and actually took their first lead of the game at 28-25. Hyland then responded with a key three-point play with just five seconds showing on the clock. The score was knotted after three, 28-28.

Agawam dominated the first three minutes of the final session. John Battista nailed a layup; Corgan

scored off a steal; and Battista hit again for a 34-28 lead. Greenfield then scored on a 25-foot bomb from John Gammel, and Bill Cendrowski also canned a field goal to bring their squad to 34-32 with time nearly expired.

Greenfield managed a last second desperation shot from Steve Campbell, but the ball hit the backboard, bounced off the cylinder, and fell out at the buzzer.

Hyland led the locals with 16 points, including 7-9 from the field. Corgan and Boskiewicz each added 6. Bryan Connery added quality minutes to the victory with his strong rebounding.

In the semi-final game vs. Ludlow, Agawam never trailed as they enjoyed leads of 7-4 (first quarter) and 15-10 (halftime). The tell-tale quarter for the winners came in the fourth when they reeled off the first 10 points (6 by Corgan) in Boston Celtics type-fashion. This extended their lead to 32-18 and they coasted in from there.

Corgan took scoring honors with 10. He was also deadly off the boards. Hyland chipped in 9 and Dave Kozel added 7. Valuable benchwork from Benjie Ferris added to Ludlow's misery.

Balanced scoring and key efforts from the substitutes helped the locals escape with a close quarterfinal victory over Longmeadow.

Behind Hyland (6) and Boskiewicz (4), the locals managed to take a 10-6 first period lead. Longmeadow climbed back into it as Agawam could only muster a single field goal from there as Mike Pellegrino scored off a well-time pass from Chris McGrath.

Good bench support from Kozel, Mike Sibilia, and Chris and Mike McElligot helped Agawam take control in the second half. Another key was their ability to run an effective 1-2-2, full court zone press, spearheaded by the sparkling play of Corgan.

Agawam's first round of league playoffs will be on Saturday, March 2nd, vs. Holyoke. The game will be played in West Springfield beginning at 6:15 p.m.

MICHAEL BOOTHE of the New England Academy of Martial Arts placed third on February 23rd in a regional tournament. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Michael Boothe Takes 3rd In Karate Meet

Michael Boothe of the New England Academy of Martial Arts on Springfield Street, competed Saturday afternoon, February 23rd, in the 7th Annual Winsted Karate championship. Michael was only one of over 300 competitors that attended the Connecticut Tournament from all over New England.

The experience proved to be a profitable one for Michael. He captured third place in the "Tiny Tot" sparring division. Winning two out of his three matches, his only loss was by one point, gaining him the honor of his third place finish.

Michael attends the six-year-old and under class at the academy, which is conducted by his dad, Richard.

Boothe says that this particular age group is catching on well at the school and plans to have more children of this age competing in the spring.

Brownie Girls Go Out 6-14 In Basketball

by Judith Kelliher Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High School girls' basketball team split their final two regular season games to close out a 6-14 1984-85 campaign.

Coach Cindy Grieve's charges fought back, then held-off rival West Springfield, 39-38 on Wednesday, February 20th. In the seasonal finale, tournament-bound Longmeadow (13-6) rolled to an easy, 73-39 win over the Brownies on Friday, February 22nd.

Against West Springfield, the Brownies were anything but in the game for the first half of play, but a strong second half surge led by Gina Serra, Leah Negrucci, and Kelli Trudel lifted them to the win.

The Brownies were behind, 23-16 at halftime (it could have been much worse), but closed to within three (25-24) at the end of three quarters.

A 1-3-1 zone trap in the second half employed by Agawam virtually stunned West Side, especially in the fourth quarter. The aggressive trapping forced West Side to turn the ball over which the locals quickly capitalized into field goals.

With 11 seconds to go, Agawam held a four point lead. Serra further padded the lead with a pair of free

throws (39-33) as the Terriers simply ran out of time.

Balanced scoring was led by Negrucci (10), Trish Landry (8), Trudel (8), and Joelle Dion (7).

"We made some adjustments, especially on defense, for the second half. That, combined with a more aggressive attitude, allowed the girls to come back. Once we got the lead in the fourth quarter, we had plenty of confidence and they were rattled," said Miss Grieve.

It was Longmeadow High who did all the rattling as they had three players in double figures to pave the way in the one-sided contest. The Brownies trailed, 40-10 at the half.

Agawam's top scorers were Trudel, just a sophomore (15), and Dion, a senior. She closed out her career with a fine, 13-point performance.

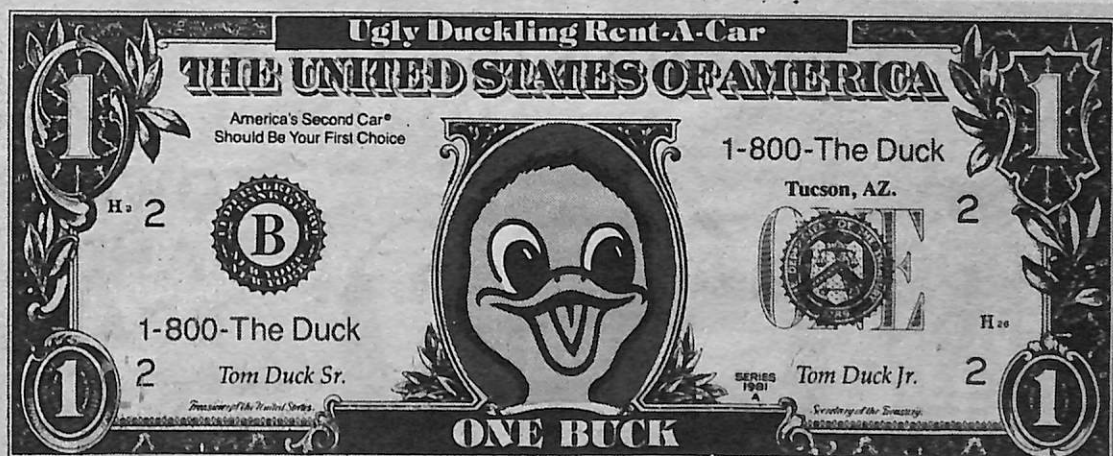
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St. Louis Champs Of Parish Bowl's Round Two

Although St. Louis only split with Georgetown (6th place-22½ wins), it was still enough to carry them to the Round Two championship with 27 wins. They were followed by second place St. Michael (25½ wins) and last year's grand champions, St. Anselm (3rd place-25 wins).

The Round Two championship puts St. Louis into the championship playoffs after the completion of Round Three in mid-May. Round One winner Villanova has also qualified. St. Louis is the 1982-83 grand champions.

Georgetown wasn't about to roll over and play dead for St. Lou and this may bode well for G-Town in Round Three. JOHN MLINEK started off with a bang for St. Lou by slapping PAT RESCIGNO, 316-257. Then, RENEE JURY defeated TONY DEPALO, 295-271. But G-Town then battled right back when SANDY PRZESZLO fired a 304 to destroy poor FELIX PEPPER (250). Finally, substitute G-Town captain STEVE ROBITHIS, subbing for AL "The Fearsome One" Moccio, launched a 338 to just nip St. Lou captain DEBBIE POIRIER (334). Debbie is again asserting herself as one of the league's top women rollers.

In St. Michael's case, it was too little, too late when they dropped St. Mary (8th place-20 wins), three wins to one. St. Mike's really could have taken this round but the final few weeks saw them run out of gas.

Winning for St. Mike's were PAULINE DEPALO and CHERYL PRZESZLO (daughter of Sandy), 299. Cheryl was subbing for JANICE MOCCIO who is off in sunny Florida. Newcomer AUDREY PHILLIPS, a protege of the late and famous MINNIE BARDEN, hit a 318 for St. Mary's. Audrey is sporting a 105.0 average in just nine strings of rolling. She had a good teacher in Minnie who organized bowling leagues for women in Agawam as far back as 1915. In the battle of the captains, St. Mary's tough FRED MORASSI out-toughed MIKE O'CONNELL, 310-309.

There is little sympathy around the league for last year's grand champions, St. Anselm. They could have easily won this round by just the least bit of consistent rolling. What happened instead was a nightmare of "tight collars" and no-clutch play.

The last St. A's debacle came against ninth place Loyola (20 wins). Loyola fired past St. A's in four straight games to continue the dreadful slump that hit the grand champs in the latter part of Round Two.

Winning for Loyola were BRENDA HAMEL (289), SHARON WRIGHT (290), and captain EDDIE ANDERSON (336). Only VENETTA SNYDER, who came back fresh and happy from a Florida vacation, could win for St. A's. She only rolled a 266. St. A's captain VI MASSOIA did have a 306, but she was no match for Anderson.

Fordham (4th place-24 wins) fell flat to Notre Dame (11th place-19 wins). Fordham, too, slumped at the round's end when it counted. Acting ND captain BILLY COLSON had a 294 to defeat Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL (274). Ann couldn't believe what happened to her team in the last few weeks. Also rolling well were JOE RESCIGNO, our retired army man (309) and KATHY CARVILL (293).

Fifth place Boston College (23 wins) got back on track somewhat with a three wins to one night over Villanova (10th place-19 wins). Winning for BC was substitute NELLIE SPARROW of Southwick with a 299; MICKEY O'CONNELL, 302; and captain BOBBY MOC-CIO (301). Bobby got over the 300 mark for the first time in weeks. He crowned our famous Lordly Barber, FRANK RESCIGNO (290). Ole Frankie won Round One but looked anything like a champion in Round Two. Rolling adequately for Villanova were RON HAMEL and ERNIE BLAIR (293 each).

Seventh place Catholic University (22 wins), the team that rolls hot one week and cold for the next three, bumped last place Holy Cross (17 wins), four wins to none. Winning for CU were LAURIE SMITH (281), RAY BARBIERI (335) and JEAN BUONICONTI (308). In the captains' battle, JIM SNYDER was defeated by HC's JOHN "The Braggard" CHEKOVSKY 311-295. It was far too little and much too late for HC. One HC roller who deserves a hand for an excellent night is our "Miss Consistent," MAYBETH COUGHLIN. She fired a round-high 318 in losing to Ray Barbieri.

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Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Gun License Debate

In 1906 the legislature passed a law requiring that an individual be licensed if he/she wished to carry a "loaded pistol or revolver." It began as an innocently proposed method for separating those of good character from those who were not, in reference to the carrying of such firearms.

As a result of recent court decisions, this license can now be administered as a method to stop decent citizens from carrying guns and, in fact, place those who have already obtained the license in jeopardy of criminal prosecution.

The Ruggerio Decision

On June 11th, 1984, the Massachusetts State Court of Appeals in Ruggerio vs. Police Commissioner of Boston, placed interpretation of the statute in the hands of virtually every law officer.

In essence, the court ruled that a license to carry may not only be restricted, but the wording of same may not have the **same meaning to every policeman**. Although the license states "License To Carry Firearms," each law enforcement officer would have the authority to determine validity and justification of possession and use.

It has always been felt that, should an individual have the license, he would, at a minimum, be protected from prosecution for **illegal** possession and carrying. The 'Ruggerio' decision, issued by Chief Justice John Greaney, has **reversed** that long standing assumption, opening the door for abuse.

This now places an individual, who believes he has complied with the law, in a position of being outside the law as a result of arbitrary interpretation.

Under the so-called Bartley-Fox, Chapter 269, Section 10(a), the charge for a violation is one to five years in prison. As District Attorney William Delahunt put it in a brief to police chiefs in southeastern Massachusetts, "Clearly if a licensee is permitted to carry a firearm for target practice only and is carrying it instead for the protection of his person, he is criminally liable under Chapter 269 Section 10 (a)..."

What this means to the layman is even though you are protecting your life you can be held **CRIMINALLY** liable for the carrying, possession, and use of the **licensed** gun.

Because of this disturbing and lacking in responsible judgement by the courts, Gun Owners' Action League has filed legislation to protect the law-abiding citizen. The number of the Bill is S.286.

The proposal, simply stated, would provide that a person with a valid license to carry a gun is protected against prosecution under Bartley-Fox for the carrying and/or possession of a firearm. This would then be a safeguard for the person who while traveling, for instance, could not be subject to prosecution merely at the whim of an overzealous policeman.

It would not alter in any way the additional actions of the person licensed as relates to his other law-abiding responsibilities.

AAA Basketball Girls Standings

8-10 Girls

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Agawam Lions
Voortman
Aldrich Insurance

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6 2
4 4
1 7

11-13 Girls

Polish Club
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Tom O'Connor
Pelly Construction

7 1
6 2
5 3
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NCAA Division II Hoop To Name Top Players

For the third consecutive year, two collegiate basketball players - a woman and a man - will become the recipients of the NCAA Division II Player-of-the-Year.

The presentations will be made at a public luncheon during the NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Basketball Championships, Friday, March 22nd, in Marriott Hotel.

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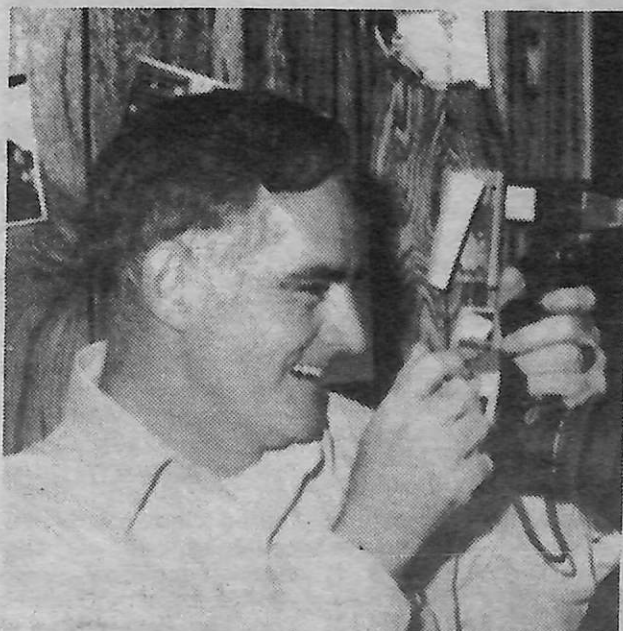
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